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*Kirstie McLeod,
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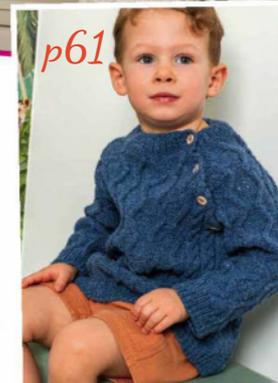
Hello

A wealth of exclusive patterns pack every issue of your fave mag!

We're thrilled to bring you another issue packed with **newly commissioned** designs this month! Dive in with our stunning **flowers and berries cover jumper** – it's perfect for adding seasonal warmth to your wardrobe. Our **textured sleeve cardi** will keep you snug and stylish too. Don't miss Nicola Valiji's **deer friends** duo – adorable toys you can dress up for imaginative play! For the home, knit and brew with our **Jack Frost tea cosy**, or add some fun with our **leopard-print cushion**. Our **men's cable jumper** is a modern classic, while our **kids' blue cable jumper** delivers everyday smarts. Love charity knitting? We've all you need on **The Big Knit campaign** too, in aid of Age UK – cast on your mini hats today... Stay warm all, and keep on knitting!

The SK Team x

Kirstie, Sophie, Nicola,
Camilla, Jennifer and Cory



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Warm Winter Accessories pattern book



We're excited to offer a brilliant extra gift with this issue! Alongside your issue you'll find a selection of patterns in our exclusive book – Warm Winter Accessories. This collection features a variety of cosy designs for your winter wardrobe, from full sets to individual gift ideas, suitable for all skill levels.



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Simple socks



Retro mitts

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We Love Knitting pattern collection

Celebrate love this Valentine's Day with our special bonus knitting patterns! Create a charming heart accessory set, sweet hanging heart, and adorable cherub toys that are perfect for gifting or decorating your space. Go on, say it with knitting!



Farmyard Friends, Clarissa and Dougie

DON'T MISS THIS!

Meet Clarissa the cow and Dougie the sheep—adorable knitted toys perfect for gifting or creating a cosy corner with. With simple stitches and charming details from Amanda Berry, these patterns bring farmyard fun straight to your knitting needles!



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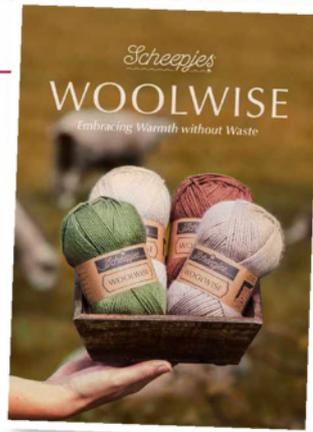
Brooklyn Tweed's new book offers over 20 blanket patterns for all skill levels, curated by Jared Flood, with vibrant designs by top designers. **£20, available from www.brooklyntweed.com**

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on p10



What I'm loving...

...exciting new knit kit, the latest yarns from top brands, chevron stitch and great reads from the gathered team!



Scheepjes Woolwise Yarn

Meet Scheepjes Woolwise – a soft, eco-friendly DK yarn in 60 shades. Made from recycled superwash Merino, it's perfect for cosy, all-season garments and accessories that are wonderfully gentle on skin. **£11.10 for 100g, www.scheepjes.com**

Colour change magic

Try a new tool



Kettle Yarn Co Yarn Holder

Knit on-the-go with this £10 yarn holder! Carry it on your wrist, bag, or hang it anywhere—perfect for pub knit nights and creative outings! **£10, www.kettleyarnco.co.uk**

Hobbii Twisted Love Yarn

Fall for Hobbii's Twisted Love yarn! This soft cotton-poly blend features delicate colour shifts, perfect for airy, intricate patterns. Its lightweight durability and dreamy palette bring elegance to every stitch. **£4.94 for 200m, www.hobbii.co.uk**



Master chevron stitch



Chevron Garter Stitch Scarf Pattern

Get snugly in style with this easy-to-knit, graphic Caron Simply Soft scarf. At 70 inches long, it's perfect for layering – wear it long, wrapped, or doubled for endless chic options this winter. Free pattern at www.readicut.co.uk



For great reads

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In this month's gathered. magazine: explore whether sugar is messing with your mood; get a winter glow with cold weather skincare; discover the secrets of a period drama costume seamstress and find out why talking to strangers (safely!) could change your life for the better. Plus craft projects to get your creativity flowing. **Through your Apple News+ or Readly subscription services. Available to download for £4.99 an issue on Zinio and Pocketmags.**

GO GET SNUGGLY!

Brooklyn Tweed, renowned for its sustainable yarn and high-quality designs, has teamed up with a group of top designers to release a new book featuring over 20 patterns for blankets and afghans. Curated by founder Jared Flood, the collection offers a range of designs, from simple to complex, in various styles and sizes, ensuring something for every knitter or crocheter. Featuring contributions from designers like Ainur Berkimbayeva, Amy van de Laar and more, the book showcases a dazzling variety of colours and patterns – perfect for creating the ultimate cosy, handmade blanket. Ideal for all skill levels. **£20, www.brooklyntweed.com**



Fab project inspo

Fable and folklore

Luxurious yarn and exceptional designs combine in this wonderful collection of timeless knitting patterns



Chloé Elizabeth Birch and Debbie Bliss have launched Birch & Bliss, a new brand offering expertly crafted, contemporary knitwear gathered together in this new book from West Yorkshire Spinners. Their debut collection features the luxurious Fable yarn, a blend of Falkland wool, alpaca, and mohair, known for its drape and stitch detail. "We've focused on simple yet stylish silhouettes, using intarsia, Fair Isle, cables, and textural techniques," says Debbie. WYS say the collection blends timeless design with modern sophistication for today's fashion-forward knitters.

Book £14.95, www.wyspinners.com

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Latest knits from Dot Pebbles...

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Knit your childhood favorites! Dot Pebbles' new patterns bring Pooh and friends to life!



Dot Pebbles has released a charming pattern collection inspired by E.H. Shepard's classic Winnie the Pooh illustrations. Featuring beloved characters like Pooh, Piglet, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga and Roo, designer Claire Garland captures childhood magic with intricate, beginner-friendly knitting instructions. Each

PDF pattern includes detailed guidance, making it easy for knitters of all skill levels to recreate these timeless characters. Patterns are available from £3.84 on Etsy, allowing fans to bring a touch of Pooh's world to their own creations easily. **Browse the full collection at Dot Pebbles on www.etsy.com**

YARN
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YARNSMITHS MERINO DK

A silky soft yarn that makes garments that are gentle on your skin



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Cast on in... Cottagespun

King Cole's new Cottagespun Chunky yarn offers a cosy, rustic charm with ten variegated colourways, each inspired by rural life. This 150g premium acrylic roving is perfect for creating autumn's transitional garments. Plus, with every purchase, King Cole supports the Loose Ends Project, which connects volunteer handworkers with unfinished craft projects left by those who've passed or become ill. It's a beautiful way to honour lost creativity and give back to the community. **£6.29 for 150g, www.kingcole.com for stockists**



Knits for active kids

This season, Sirdar has something exciting for kids with six fresh patterns in their Snuggly Replay collection! From park play to hangouts with friends, or even chilling with screens, their Surf, Snow, Skate range has it all. With cosy cardigans, body warmers, jumpers and hats, plus fun colourblock designs and stripes, there's a perfect piece for every mini adventurer. **Patterns from £3.50, www.sirdar.com**



VERY VELVETY

Introducing super soft Velveteen Yarn – a great choice for toy making and home décor projects! Crafted from 100% polyester, this chunky yarn comes in 100g balls and offers a luxurious velvet feel that's perfect for creating huggable designs. With a length of 120 metres per ball, it's easy to work with and adds a beautiful, plush texture to any project. Hand wash only for best results. **£3.99 per ball, www.woolcouturecompany.com**



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OK, so it's loud - but we're proud. We've invested in the latest spinning technology to bring production of our most popular yarn home to Yorkshire.



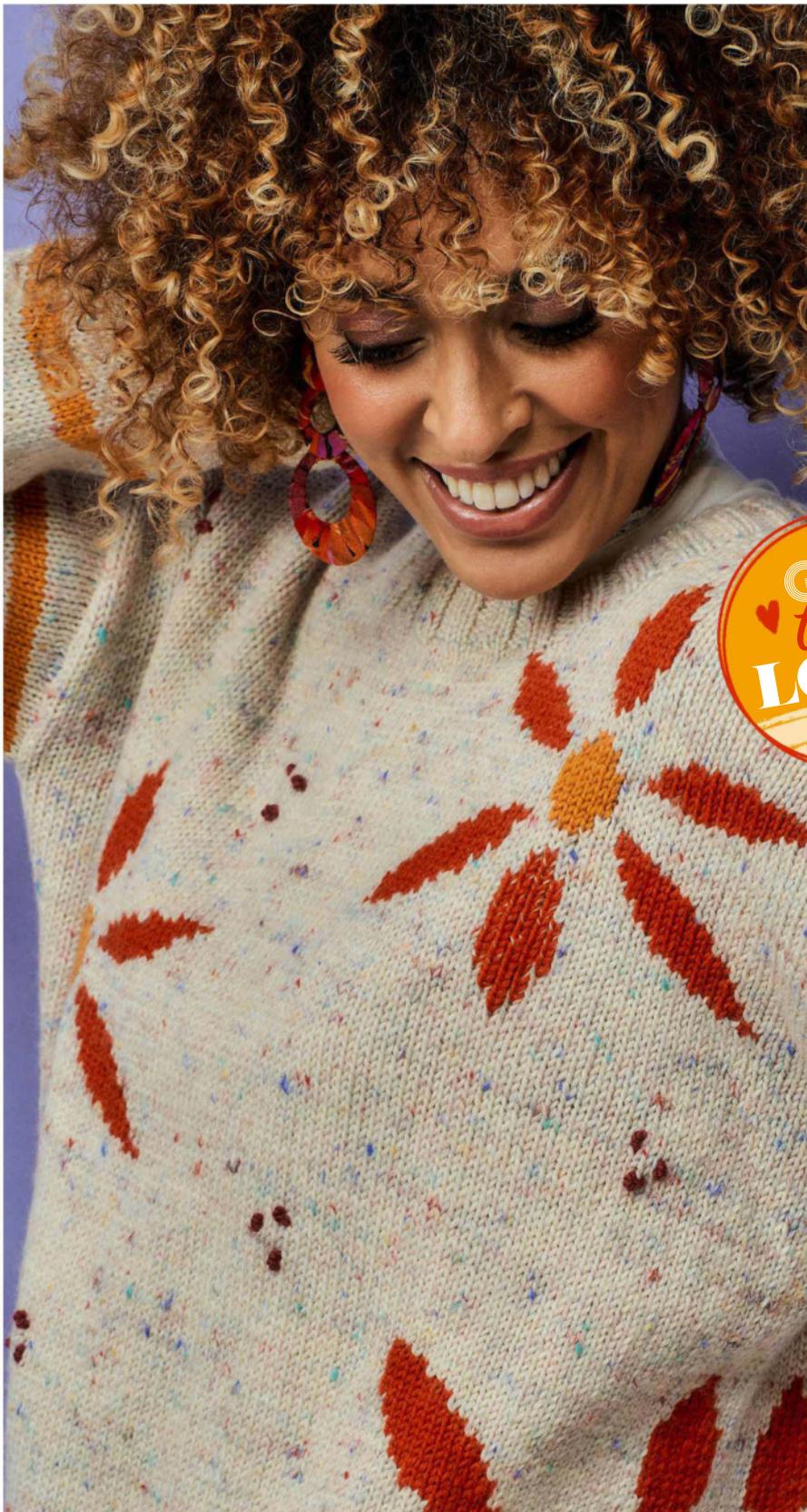
It means producing our 20 new shades is more eco-friendly, using less water and other resources, and reducing our carbon footprint.

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Stylecraft

BLOOMS & BERRIES

Celebrate the flora of a winter hedgerow with this joyful knit embracing the beauty of nature's vibrant tapestry. By **Siân Brown**



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* COLOURWORK JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool, 104m/50g)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles

For larger sizes

- 3.25mm, 3.75mm and 4mm circular needles, at least 100cm long. For a large number of sts it may be easier to use a circular needle and work backwards and forwards

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79



WHERE TO BUY

For yarn stockists contact King Cole on 01756 703670 or www.kingcole.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Wool Warehouse 0800 505 3300 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
- Athenbys 01948 820052 or www.athenbys.com



49 (54.5: 60: 65.5: 71: 76.5: 82: 87.5)cm
19¼ (21½: 23¾: 25¾: 28: 30: 32¼: 34½)in

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-28	30-32	34-36	38-40
TO FIT BUST	cm	82-86	92-97	102-107	112-117	122-132	137-142	147-152	157-162
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-52	54-56	58-60	62-64
ACTUAL BUST	cm	98	109	120	131	142	152.5	163.5	174.5
	in	38½	43	47¼	51½	56	60	64¼	68¾
LENGTH	cm	57	58	60	61	63	64	66	67
	in	22½	22¾	23½	24	24¾	25¼	26	26½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN	King Cole Merino Blend DK (104m/50g)								
Yarn A Tیره (3801)	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Yarn B Amber (3398)	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Yarn C Cinnamon (3298)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Rose Hip (3091)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Walnut (3393)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

COLOURWORK JUMPER

Note When working from charts, on the BACK ONLY, RS rows (1, 3, 5 etc) are knit rows, but they are read from left to right, for eg on row 1 of the side flower chart, you start on the last st of the chart and work towards st 1.

BACK

Cast on 110 (122: 134: 146: 158: 170: 182: 194) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work another 8 rows in rib as set.

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS K row, work 2 (2: 2: 4: 4: 4: 6: 6) rows in st st.*

SET CHARTS

Place side flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3), working all other sts in Yarn A as foll:

Row 1 (RS) K54 (66: 78: 78: 90: 102: 101: 113), K56 (56: 56: 68: 68:

68: 81: 81) sts from row 1 of side flower chart, starting from the last st and working towards st 1 (see note).

Row 2 P56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 2 of side flower chart, starting from st 1 and working towards the last st, P54 (66: 78: 78: 90: 102: 101: 113).

Work another 60 rows in patt as set.

Cont working from side flower chart as set, and place flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) as foll:

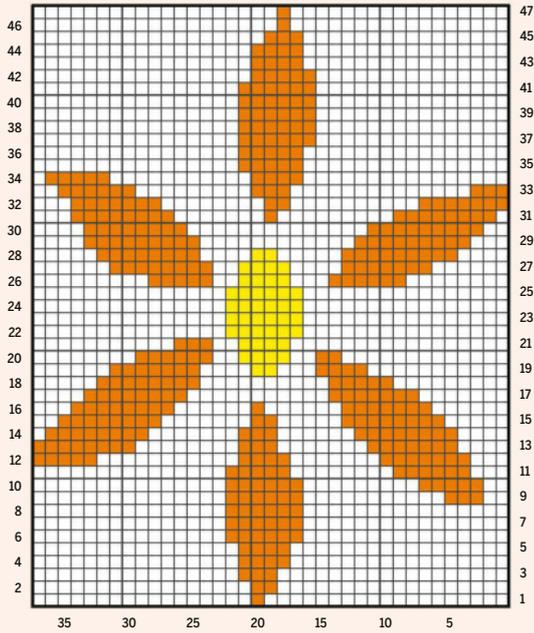
Row 63 (RS) K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 1 of flower chart, starting from the last st and working towards st 1 (see note), K7 (14: 21: 9: 16: 23: 9: 16), K56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 63 of side flower chart.

Row 64 P56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 64 of side flower chart, P7 (14: 21: 9: 16: 23:), P37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 2 of flower chart, P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35).

Cont in patt to end of side flower chart and AT THE SAME TIME work another 32 rows from flower chart.

Cont working from flower chart and place a second using flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) as foll:

FLOWER CHART 1



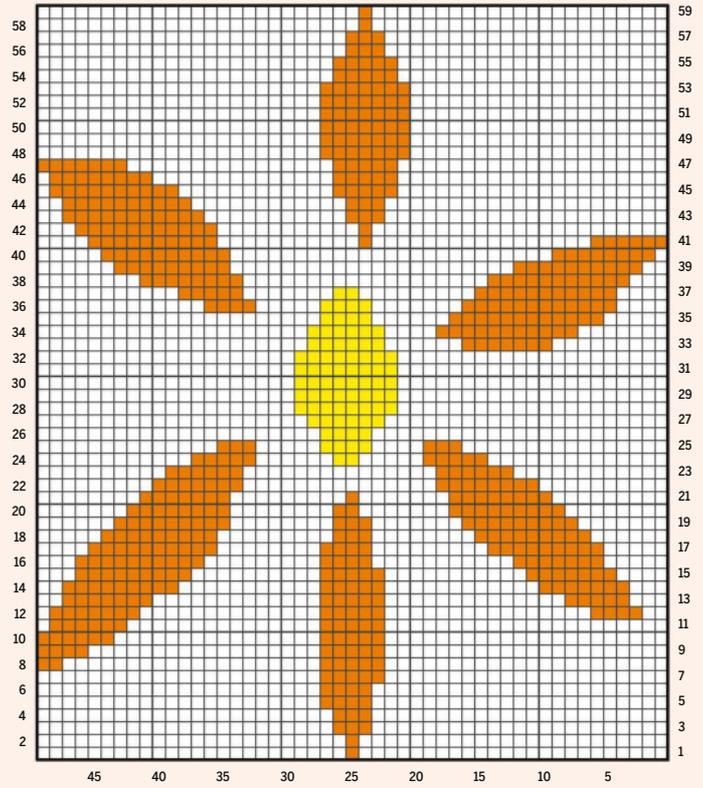
KEY

-  Yarn A
-  Yarn B
-  Yarn C
-  K on RS; P on WS

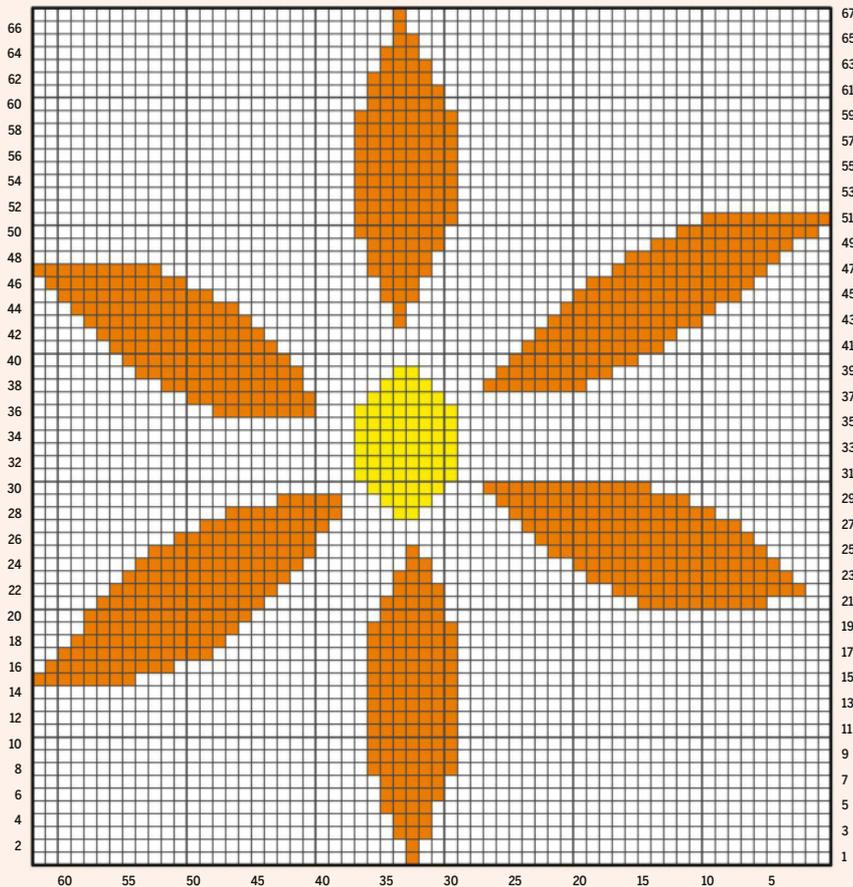
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

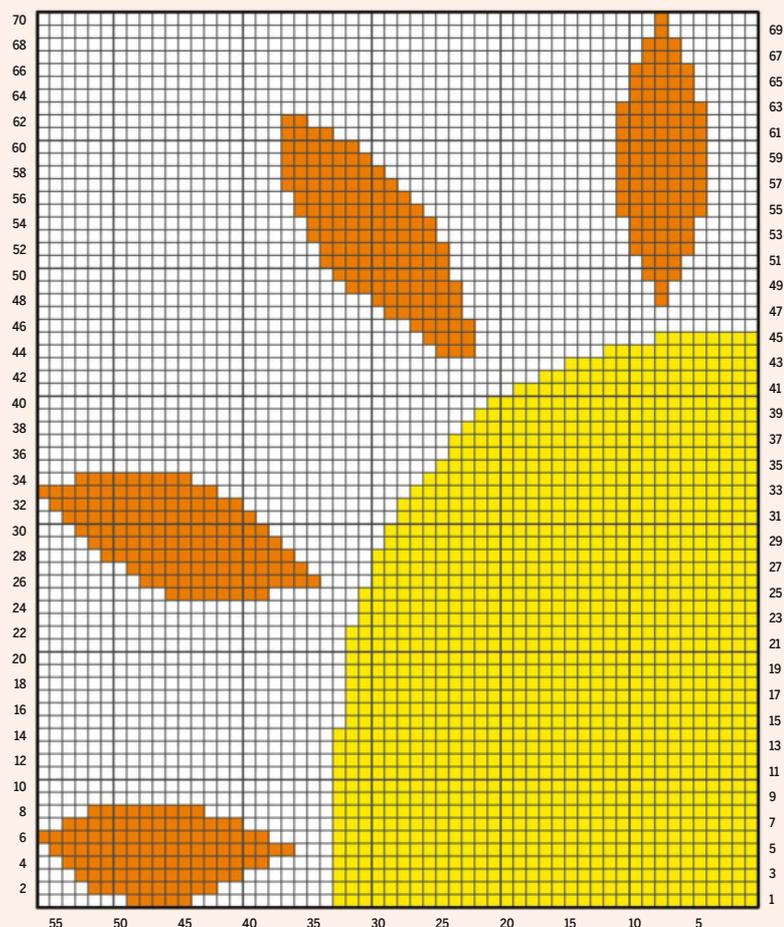
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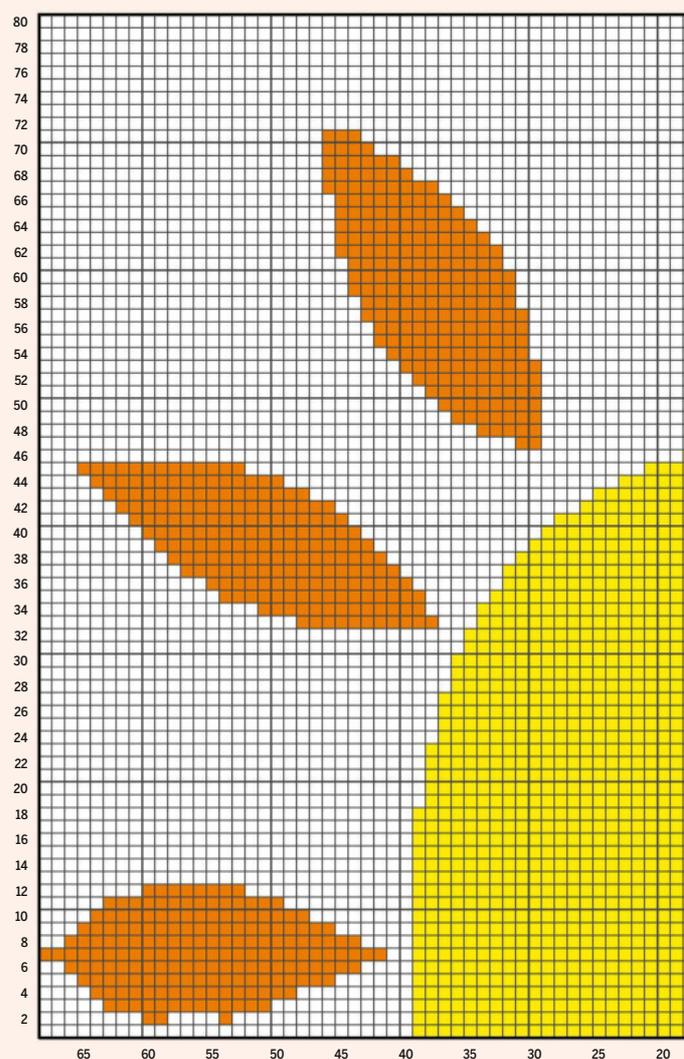
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SIDE FLOWER CHART 1

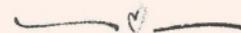


SIDE FLOWER CHART 2



"There's a few fun knitting techniques in this wonderful knit, from gorgeous intarsia to tiny bobble work. Challenge yourself by giving them a go with this great pattern!"

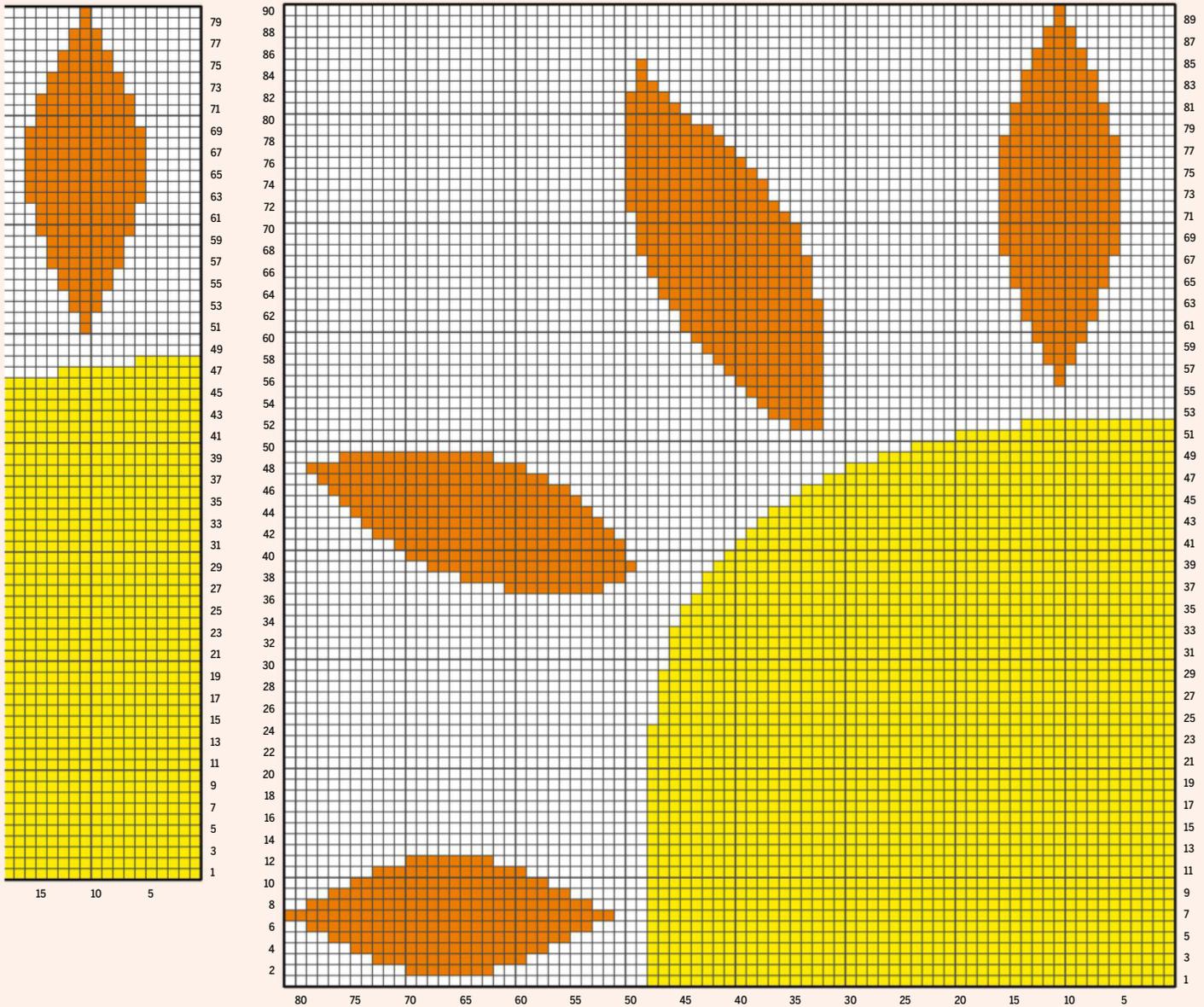
KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



TOP TIPS FOR INTARSIA

- 1 Manage yarn tangles** Use bobbins or small balls of yarn for each colour section. Keep strands organised and untangle them regularly as you work.
- 2 Avoid holes** Twist yarns at every colour change by bringing the new colour under the old one, securing the join.
- 3 Plan ahead** Read the pattern carefully and map out colour changes on a chart if provided. This helps you prepare the correct amount of yarn and ensures clean transitions.

SIDE FLOWER CHART 3



Row 97 (RS) K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 35 of flower chart, K16 (18: 20: 8: 10: 12: 6: 8), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 1 of flower chart (working in same direction as before), K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 22: 27).
Row 98 P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 22: 27), P37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 2 of flower chart, P16 (18: 20: 8: 10: 12: 6: 8) patt 37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 36 of flower chart, P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35).

Cont in patt until all rows of both flower charts are complete, and then continue in Yarn A only until Back measures 57 (58: 60: 61: 63: 64: 66: 67)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER AND BACK NECK

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, K until there are 32 (36: 40: 44: 48: 52: 56: 60) sts on right-hand needle, skpo, turn and work on these 33 (37: 41: 45: 49: 53: 57: 61) sts.

Next row P2tog tbl, P to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row **Cast off** 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, K to last 2 sts, skpo. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [15 (17: 19: 21: 23: 25: 27: 29) sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, K to end.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER AND BACK NECK

With RS facing, place centre 28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, K to end. [40 (45: 50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75) sts]

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts dec'd]

Next row K2tog, K to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [22 (25: 28: 31: 34: 37: 40: 43) sts]

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, P to end.

Next row (RS) Knit.

Rep the last 2 rows once more.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.



FRONT

Work as for Back to *.

SET CHARTS

Place side flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3), working all other sts in Yarn A as foll:

Row 1 (RS) K56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 1 of side flower chart, K54 (66: 78: 78: 90: 102: 101: 113).

Row 2 P54 (66: 78: 78: 90: 102: 101: 113), P56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 2 of side flower chart.

Work another 60 rows in patt as set.

Cont working from side flower chart as set, and place flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) as foll:

Row 63 Patt 56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 63 of side flower chart, K7 (14: 21: 9: 16: 23: 9: 16), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 1 of flower chart, K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35).

Row 64 P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35), P37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 2 of flower chart, P7 (14: 21: 9: 16: 23: 9: 16), P56 (56: 56: 68: 68: 68: 81: 81) sts from row 64 of side flower chart.

Cont in patt to end of side flower chart and AT THE SAME TIME work another 32 rows from flower chart.

STEP-BY-STEP FRENCH KNOT



First secure your thread, then bring the needle up through the fabric where you want the knot to be. Using your thumb and forefinger, hold the thread as it comes out of the fabric, and keeping it taut, place the needle behind it and twist it around the thread twice. Still holding the thread, push the needle back into the fabric close to where it came out, and pull the needle through gently.

Cont working from flower chart and place a second using flower chart 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) as foll:

Row 97 (RS) K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 22: 27), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 1 of flower chart, K16 (18: 20: 8: 10: 12: 6: 8), K37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 35 of flower chart, K10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35).

Row 98 P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 30: 35), P37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 36 of flower chart, P16 (18: 20: 8: 10: 12: 6: 8), P37 (37: 37: 49: 49: 49: 62: 62) sts from row 2 of flower chart, P10 (15: 20: 20: 25: 30: 22: 27).

Cont in patt until all rows of both flower charts are complete, and then continue in Yarn A, and AT THE SAME TIME when 20 rows fewer have been worked than on Back to shoulder shaping work as folls:

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 44 (49: 54: 59: 64: 69: 74: 79), skpo, turn and work on these 45 (50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75: 80) sts.

Next row Patt to end.

Next row Patt to last 2 sts, skpo. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 8 times.

[36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71) sts]

Next row (WS) Patt to end.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll RS rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

With RS facing, place centre 18 (20: 22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, patt to end.

[45 (50: 55: 60: 65: 70: 75: 80) sts]

Next row Patt to end.

Next row K2tog, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 8 times.

[36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71) sts]

Work 2 rows in st st without shaping.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts at beg of next row and 3 foll WS rows. Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 46 (50: 58: 62: 70: 74: 82: 86) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row 1 K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 P2, (K2, P2) to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work another 10 rows in rib as set, inc 1 (3: 1: 3: 1: 3: 1: 3) sts across last row. [47 (53: 59: 65: 71: 77: 83: 89) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row work 4 rows in st st, then continue using stripe sequences (4 rows using Yarn B, 12 rows using Yarn A) throughout, and shaping Sleeves as foll:

Work 4 rows.

Inc row K4, M1, knit to last 4 sts, M1, K4. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep inc row every 8th row another 12 times.

[73 (79: 85: 91: 97: 103: 109: 115) sts]

Work straight until Sleeve measures 46cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE TOP

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, patt to end.

[70 (76: 82: 88: 94: 100: 106: 112) sts]

Next row Cast off 3 sts, patt to last 2 sts, p2tog. [4 sts dec'd]

Next row Cast off 3 sts, patt to last 2 sts, skpo. [4 sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 6 (6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) times.

[14 (20: 18: 24: 22: 28: 26: 32) sts]

Next row (WS) Cast off 3 sts, patt to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[10 (16: 14: 20: 18: 24: 22: 28) sts]

Cast off rem sts, working last 2 sts as skpo.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 21 sts down left side of Front neck, K18 (20: 22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32) sts from Front neck holder, pick up and knit 21 sts up right side of Front neck, 9 sts down right side of Back neck, K28 (30: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40: 42) sts from Back neck holder, pick up and knit 9 sts up left side of Back neck. [106 (110: 114: 118: 122: 126: 130: 134) sts]

Rib row 1 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Rib row 2 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work another 4 rows in rib as set.

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Work another 3 rows in rib as set.

Cast off in rib.

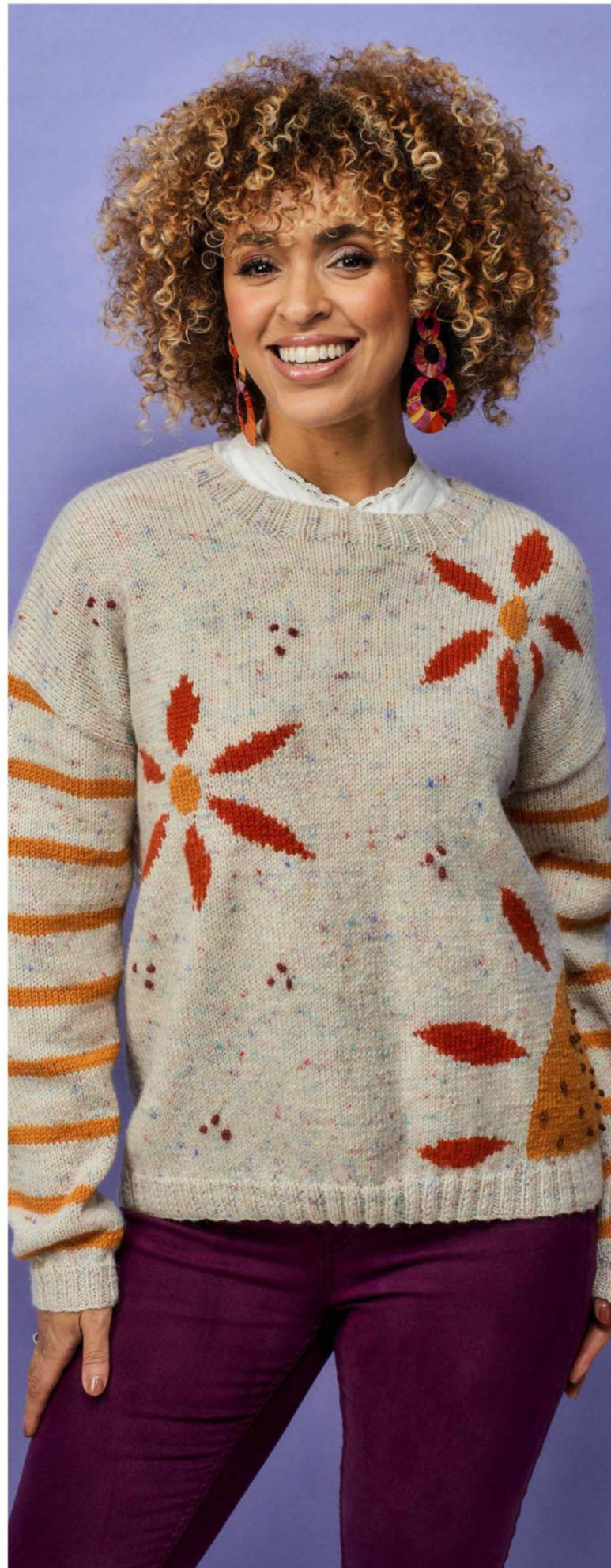
MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew on Sleeves. Join side and Sleeve seams.

EMBROIDERY

Using Yarn D, embroider groups of 3 French knots between the flowers for berries.

Using Yarn E, embroider French knots in the centre of the side flowers. ●



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Build your skills

Featuring 15 delightful projects from cosy hats and scarves to a stylish poncho, the book allows knitters to build their skills while creating beautiful, squishy, and reversible accessories. Whether you're trying one-color or two-colour designs, Lavanya's expert guidance will help you achieve polished, eye-catching results.

Boost your confidence

Brioche Knitting Workshop is more than just a pattern book; it's an invitation to embrace a popular yet often intimidating knitting technique with confidence. If you've been hesitant to try brioche, this book will inspire you to pick up your needles and dive in.

Title: 'Brioche Knitting Workshop'

By: Lavanya Patricella

Publisher: David & Charles,

£16.99



Kirstie McLeod, Editor

Stay in touch!

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

★ STAR LETTER ★

REMEMBRANCE KNITTING

I didn't have time last year to make the remembrance soldiers I wanted to do for myself and my daughter, Laura, and daughter-in-law Claire, so was determined to get going early this year to make them. I had such fun knitting them and once I completed mine I knew 'Tommy' had to join 'Corgey and Bess' with looking out of the dining room window to watch the world go by. The girls loved their soldiers too and as Claire works for the Army as a civilian she asked if I could make a second one for her to go on her desk and I duly obliged. 'Baldrick' has had many favourable comments from Claire's colleagues and he has put a smile on many a face in the office. I hope they bring a smile to you all too.

■ **Suzie Brewer**

It's so wonderful to hear about your Remembrance Soldier knits

spreading the good message of 'never forget', through families and into work spaces. Well done!



Pattern in issue 242

Suzie's Remembrance Soldiers were a big hit



Pattern in issue 252

Who knew Doris would become a prize winner?!

DARLING DORIS

Thank you *Simply Knitting* for Amanda Berry's Doris the Donkey pattern from issue 252. This great little pattern got me a 2nd prize at the annual Lochaber Agricultural Show. I also got a 1st with a dog coat which was part of one of your supplements. With all my entries in the knitting section of the show I won the cup with most points in knitting! I thought you would like to see a picture of my Doris the Donkey entry.

■ **Hydi Flux**

Doris is looking gorgeous Hydi! Well done on your recent wins, and thanks so much for taking the time to write in to tell us.

DOTTY ABOUT SOCKS

I was quite taken with the dotty socks featured in your 250th issue. They didn't take me long to make, probably less than a month and I found the pattern easy to follow. I was especially pleased with the afterthought heel which I found very straightforward. The socks are for myself and I used wool left over from a bag that I made for one of my granddaughters, and some wool that was part of a prize. I was pleased at how well they fit too.

■ **Christina Rowe**

Sock knitting is a passion for me Christina, so it's lovely to hear sock success stories. These look super cosy.



Pattern in issue 250

Never tried socks? Christine has given them a go!

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Our star letter writer wins a fantastic gift voucher worth £50 from The Little Wool Company!

WHAT'S TRENDING THIS MONTH

We always keep up with what our readers are making – this issue it's festive knits!



GIFT BAGS

Alison thought she'd start her Christmas knitting with these cute gift bags for her grandchildren. They were knitted using double-held DK yarn so were surprisingly quick to complete.

■ **Alison Goode**



Pattern in issue 257

LITTLE MAN

Heather has been knitting for 61 years, and has had *Simply Knitting* from issue 1. She recently enjoyed knitting the little gingerbread man from issue 257. Heather says he was the perfect distraction for a dull day.

■ **Heather Gale**



VINTAGE KNIT

Elizabeth has knitted quite a lot of toys, and her Victorian Carol Singers pattern by Jean Greenhowe are her pride and joy. They got first prize in the 'Home Industries' section of her local agricultural show.

■ **Elizabeth Gracey**

★ YARN BOMBER OF THE MONTH ★

SHHH...DON'T TELL!

I knitted these projects for my local village post box in Shirehampton. No-one knows it's me, I put them on late at night or very early in the morning. The first one was the poppy one for my dad who passed away last year. The Christmas and Valentine ones I did because people on our local facebook page say how much it makes them smile and brighten their day.

■ **Lorraine Trotham**

We're all seriously impressed with your covert skills, Lorraine! Your community is obviously enjoying your efforts, so keep it up, and don't forget to let us know all about it too.

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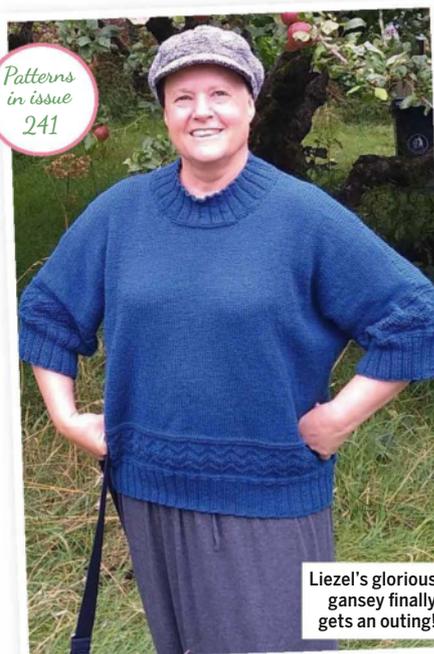
Lorraine's secretive post box toppers are thrilling the community in Shirehampton!

GANSEY GLORY

I just wanted to share this gansey-inspired jumper I knitted, which was in *Simply Knitting* quite a few issues ago. I subscribe to *Simply Knitting* and the pattern was in an issue last year sometime I think. I used Sirdar Country Classic DK and I was really happy with the way it turned out. I finished it a month ago and couldn't wait for cooler weather to wear it! It probably took me about a month to knit, I am not a very fast knitter and knit in the evenings in front of the telly. I always tear out the patterns I would like to make and keep them in a folder as I can't keep all the magazines. It would take over the house!

■ **Liezel Rabinowitz**

Traditional ganseys are so satisfying to knit, and it's lovely to think about all that wonderful history as you make each stitch. I also know what it's like to finish a winter jumper when it's warm! The days pass so slowly then, don't they, Liezel?



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Liezel's glorious gansey finally gets an outing!

YO-HO-HO!

I couldn't resist this cute sailor jumper pattern from issue 226's extra booklet. I had to knit it for my little cousin. His name is Marin, so this sailor jumper is just the thing for him. Carry on inspiring us *Simply Knitting*. I can't wait for my mag to arrive through my letterbox every month!

■ **Chantal Eason**

Aren't nautical knits for kids and babies the best?! Such brilliant knitting Chantal – I hope he loves it.



Chantal's nautical knit makes a classic kid's gift

★ SUBS STARS ★

Check your issue next month to see if you've been picked as a winner!

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CONFIDENT CABLES

I've just completed the Heather Twist aran sweater. (Siân Brown pattern in issue 255). I knitted it in Stylecraft Grace yarn in shade Petals. I just wanted to say thank you – it's my first adult knit and I'm delighted! The pattern was so easy to follow. I knitted the sweater for my son's girlfriend and I'm just about to start another one for my other son's girlfriend. The total knit and sew up took me about two weeks.

■ **Marguerite Thompson**

A first adult sweater is a big milestone in a knitter's life, and you went with cables too! Double well done, Marguerite!



Marguerite's neat cables are a result of serious attention to detail

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- Cygnet Colour Rush Chunky
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1 ball of **Yarn B** Rosebud (387)
- A pair of 5.5mm needles
- Faux leather bag base, 20x10cm

TENSION

18 sts and 30 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over st pattern
using 5.5mm needles

SIZE

Height 25cm (9¾in)
Width 21cm (8¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



PROJECT BAG

Cast on 79 sts using 5.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Foundation row Purl.

Join Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

With Yarn A.

Row 3 K1, (sl1, K1) to end.

Row 4 K1, (yfwd, sl1, ybk, K1) to end.

With Yarn B.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 Knit.

With Yarn A.

Row 7 K2, (sl1, K1) rep to last st, K1.

Row 8 K2, (yfwd, sl1, ybk, K1) rep to last st. K1.

Rep these 8 rows until your bag measures 22cm from cast-on edge, ending on a Row 8.

Break Yarn A and continue in Yarn B only.

Next row (RS) Purl

Next row (WS) Knit

Continue in rev stocking stitch for 9cm.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Seam the sides together then fold over the rev stocking stitch section and sew to the last row of the stitch pattern. With the knitting inside out, sew the cast-on edge to the bag base. ●

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LITTLE FLURRY

Embrace winter magic with this cosy kids' jumper featuring modern snowflakes. It's perfect for chilly adventures! By **Siân Brown**





TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

□ Sirdar Snuggly DK (55% nylon, 45% acrylic, 50g/165m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Stitch holders
- Stitch markers
- 3 buttons, 1.5cm diameter

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- K on RS; P on WS



19 (22: 24: 26: 29: 32)cm
7½ (8¼: 9½: 10¼: 11½: 12½)in



29 (32: 35: 39: 43: 47)cm
11½ (12½: 13¾: 15¼: 17: 18½)in

29.5 (31.5: 33: 35: 37: 38.5)cm
11½ (12½: 13: 13¾: 14½: 15¼)in

CHART A

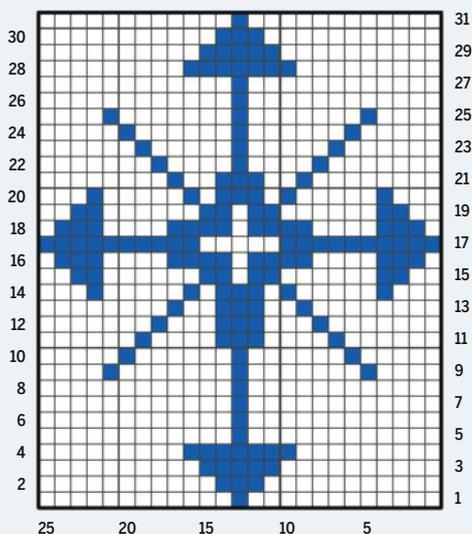


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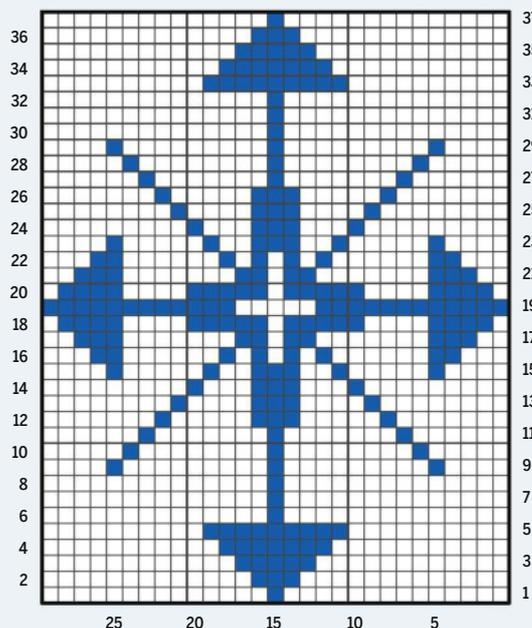


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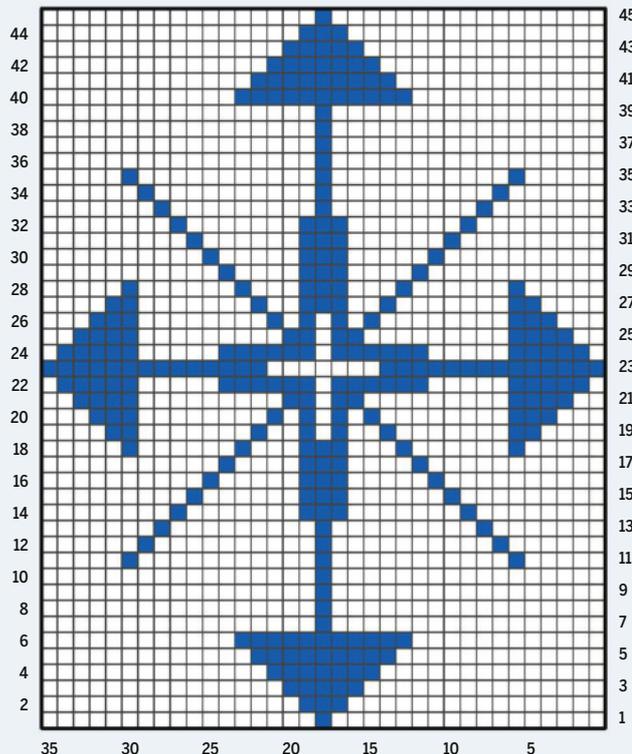
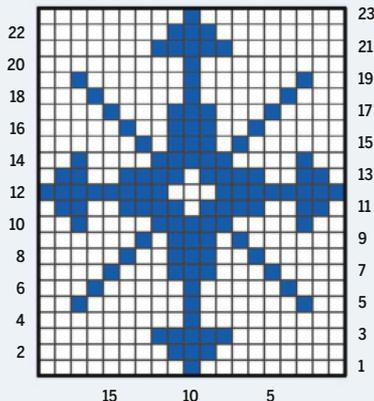


CHART D



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

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		6-12m	12-18m	18-24m	2-3yrs	3-4yrs	4-5yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	43-45.5	45.5-48	48-53	53-56	56-58.5	58.5-61
	in	17-18	18-19	19-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	59	62.5	66.5	70	73.5	77.5
	in	23¼	24½	26¼	27½	29	30½
LENGTH	cm	29	32	35	39	43	47
	in	11½	12½	13¾	15¼	17	18½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	19	22	24	26	29	32
	in	7½	8¾	9½	10¼	11½	12½
YARN		Sirdar Snuggly DK (50g/165m)					
Yarn A Rice Pud (446)		2	3	3	3	4	4
Yarn B Indigo Mix (353)		1	1	1	1	1	1

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



"Siân Brown's snowflake jumper will make a smart addition to your child's wardrobe. Knitted in Sirdar Snuggly, this great knit can be washed in your machine too!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR


KIDS' JUMPER

Notes When working from the Chart, odd-numbered rows are knit rows and worked from right to left. Even numbered-rows are purl rows and read from left to right.

Use intarsia method to add Yarn B for the motif, and strand the unused Yarn A across the wrong side of the motif.

OR

Work the garment first, marking location of charts on Front, Back and Sleeves as instructed, then add motifs using Swiss darning.

BACK

Cast on 66 (70: 74: 78: 82: 86) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Change to Yarn A.

Work a further 4 (4: 4: 6: 6: 6) rows in rib as set, inc 1 st at centre of last row. [67 (71: 75: 79: 83: 87) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 (4: 6: 6: 8: 10) rows in st st.

SET CHART

Note Work Chart for your size as instructed and join in Yarn B as needed, or if adding motif later, mark start of Chart.

Row 1 (RS) K9 (11: 9: 11: 7: 9) using Yarn A, work 25 (25: 29: 29: 35: 35) sts of Row 1 of Chart A (A: B: B: C: C), K33 (35: 37: 39: 41: 43) using Yarn A.

Row 2 P33 (35: 37: 39: 41: 43) using Yarn A, work Row 2 of Chart A (A: B: B: C: C), P9 (11: 9: 11: 7: 9) using Yarn A.

These 2 rows set the Chart for your size. Work a further 29 (29: 35: 35: 43: 43) rows to complete Chart. Cut Yarn B.

Cont in st st in Yarn A only until Back meas 29 (32: 35: 39: 43: 47) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a P row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 18 (20: 21: 23: 24: 26) sts for right shoulder, K until you have 31 (31: 33: 33: 35: 35) sts on right needle and leave these sts on a holder for Neckband, then K to end.

[18 (20: 21: 23: 24: 26) sts]

BUTTON BAND

Work 4 rows in st st, ending with a K row.

Cast off knitwise.

FRONT

Work as given for Back until 14 rows fewer have been worked than on Back before shoulder shaping. Front should meas 24 (27: 30: 34: 38: 42) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a P row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K23 (25: 26: 28: 29: 31), skpo, turn and work on these 24 (26: 27: 29: 30: 32) sts for first side of neck, leaving rem 42 (44: 47: 49: 52: 54) sts on hold. [24 (26: 27: 29: 30: 32) sts]

Next row (WS) P2togtbl, P to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row (RS) K to last 2 sts, skpo. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows twice more. [18 (20: 21: 23: 24: 26) sts]

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Work 3 rows straight, ending at armhole edge.

Buttonhole row (RS) K6 (8: 8: 10: 10: 11), k2tog, yo, K5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8), k2tog, yo, K3.

Purl 1 row.

Knit 3 rows.

Cast off knitwise.

With right side facing, place next 17 (17: 19: 19: 21: 21) sts on a separate holder for Neckband, rejoin yarn to rem sts, k2tog, K to end. [24 (26: 27: 29: 30: 32) sts]

Next row (WS) P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [1 st dec'd]
Next row (RS) K2tog, K to end. [1 st dec'd]
 Rep the last 2 rows twice more. [18 (20: 21: 23: 24: 26) sts]
 Work 7 rows straight.
Cast off.

SLEEVES

Cast on 38 (38: 42: 42: 46: 46) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Change to Yarn A.

Work a further 6 (6: 8: 8: 10: 10) rows in rib as set, inc 1 (3: 1: 3: 1: 3) sts across last row. [39 (41: 43: 45: 47: 49) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work 4 rows in st st.

SET CHART

Row 1 (RS) K10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) using Yarn A, work Row 1 of Chart D, K10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) using Yarn A.

Row 2 (WS) P10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) using Yarn A, work Row 2 of Chart D, P10 (11: 12: 13: 14: 15) using Yarn A.

These 2 rows set the Chart.

Inc row K3, M1, patt to last 3 sts, M1, K3. [2 sts inc'd]

Patt 5 rows.

Rep the last 6 rows 5 (6: 7: 8: 9: 10) more times and then rep inc row once again while AT THE SAME TIME once Chart is complete cont in st st using Yarn A only. [53 (57: 61: 65: 69: 73) sts]

Work straight in st st until Sleeve meas 19 (22: 24: 26: 29: 32)cm from cast-on edge, ending with a P row.

SHAPE SLEEVEHEAD

Row 1 (RS) Cast off 4 sts, K to end.

Row 2 (WS) Cast off 4 sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Row 3 Cast off 4 sts, K to last 2 sts, ssk.

Row 4 Cast off 4 sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Row 5 Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts, K to last 2 sts, ssk.

Row 6 Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

Rows 7 and 8 As Rows 5 and 6. [14 sts]

Cast off, working ssk over last 2 sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A pick up and K15 sts down left side of front neck, K across 17 (17: 19: 19: 21: 21) sts from Front holder, pick up and K15 sts up right side of front neck,

K31 (31: 33: 33: 35: 35) sts from Back holder, pick up and K4 sts along row ends of button band. [82 (82: 86: 86: 90: 90) sts]

Rib row 1 (WS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.

Rib row 2 (RS) K4, (P2, K2) to last 6 sts, P2, K4.

These 2 rows form the rib.

Work a further 2 rows in rib.

Buttonhole row (WS) Rib to last 6 sts, k2tog, yo, P2, K2.

Rib 1 row.

Change to Yarn B.

Rib 2 more rows.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Overlap the buttonhole band over the button band and tack in place. Sew on the Sleeves. Join the side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. If needed, use Swiss darning (duplicate stitch) to complete motifs using Yarn B. ●



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 normal.



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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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- By Laxtons Sheepsoft Aran (100% British wool, 100g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 5mm needles
- A cable needle (cn)
- 2 stitch holders

TENSION

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

Each repeat of (P1, TW2, Diamond Pattern, TW2) meas 10cm using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

C5B Slip next 3 sts on cn and hold at back, K2, K3 from cn

C5F Slip next 2 sts on cn and hold

at front, K3, K2 from cn
T3B Slip next st on cn and hold at back, K2, P1 from cn
T3F Slip next 2 sts on cn and hold at front, P1, K2 from cn

For a full list see page 79

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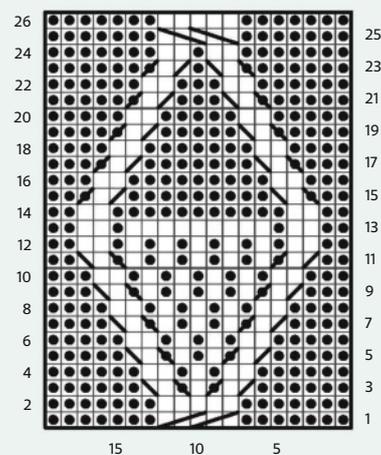
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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- C5B
- C5F
- T3B
- T3F

MEN'S JUMPER DIAMOND PANEL STITCH PATTERN

Worked over 19 sts – see also Chart.

Row 1 (RS) P7, C5B, P7.

Row 2 K7, P5, K7.

Row 3 P6, T3B, K1, T3F, P6.

Row 4 K6, P2, K1, P1, K1, P2, K6.

Row 5 P5, T3B, K1, P1, K1, T3F, P5.

Row 6 K5, P2, K1, (P1, K1) twice, P2, K5.

Row 7 P4, T3B, K1, (P1, K1) twice, T3F, P4.

Row 8 K4, P2, K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, P2, K4.

Row 9 P3, T3B, K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, T3F, P3.

Row 10 K3, P2, K1, (P1, K1) 4 times, P2, K3.

Row 11 P2, T3B, K1, (P1, K1) 4 times, T3F, P2.

Row 12 K2, P2, K1, (P1, K1) 5 times, P2, K2.

Row 13 P2, K2, P1, K9, P1, K2, P2.

Row 14 K2, P2, K11, P2, K2.

Row 15 P2, T3F, P9, T3B, P2.

Row 16 K3, P2, K9, P2, K3.

Row 17 P3, T3F, P7, T3B, P3.

Rows 18, 20, 22 and 24 Work across 19 sts, knitting all knit sts and purling all purl sts as they present.

Row 19 P4, T3F, P5, T3B, P4.

Row 21 P5, T3F, P3, T3B, P5.

Row 23 P6, T3F, P1, T3B, P6.

Row 25 P7, C5F, P7.

Row 26 K7, P5, K7.

These 26 rows form the Diamond Panel and are repeated.

BACK

Cast on 103 (111: 119: 129: 137) sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) P2, *K1tbl, P1; rep from * to last st, P1.

Row 2 K2, *P1tbl, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

These rows set twisted rib.

Rep last 2 rows until work meas 6cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P9 (3: 7: 12: 5), *M1P, P4 (5: 5: 5: 6); rep from * to last 10 (3: 7: 12: 6) sts, M1P, P to end. [125 (133: 141: 151: 159) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K2 (6: 10: 15: 19), P1, TW2, (work Row 1 of Diamond Panel, TW2, P1, TW2) 4 times, work Row 1 of Diamond Panel, TW2, P1, K2 (6: 10: 15: 19).

Row 2 P5 (9: 13: 18: 22), (work Row 2 of Diamond Panel, P5) 4 times, work Row 2 of Diamond Panel, P5 (9: 13: 18: 22).

Rows 3 to 26 Rep last 2 rows another 12 times, working Rows 3 to 26 of Diamond Panel.

Row 27 K2 (6: 10: 15: 19), P1, TW2, P7, (TW2, P1, TW2, work Row 1 of Diamond Panel) 4 times, TW2, P1, TW2, P7, TW2, P1, K2 (6: 10: 15: 19).

Row 28 P5 (9: 13: 18: 22), K7, (P5, work Row 2 of Diamond Panel) 4 times, P5, K7, P5 (9: 13: 18: 22).

Rows 29 to 52 Rep last 2 rows another 12 times, working Rows 3 to

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL
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	103.5	112	121	132	141
	in	40¾	44	47¾/ 4	52	55½
LENGTH	cm	66	67	68	69	70
	in	26	26½	26¾	27	27½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	47	48	48	49	49
	in	18½	19	19	19½	19½
YARN		by Laxtons Sheepsoft Aran (100g/175m)				
Bishopdale		7	8	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



26 of Diamond Panel.
These 52 rows set pattern.

Cont in patt until work measures 66 (67: 68: 69: 70)cm from beg, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 9 (10: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 8 rows, then 10 (9: 12: 12: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Slip rem 33 (35: 37: 39: 41) sts to a holder and set aside.

FRONT

Work as Back until Front measures 16 (18: 20: 22: 24) rows fewer than Back up to start of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE LEFT NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 51 (54: 57: 61: 64), turn and cont on these sts for left half of neck.

**Dec 1 st neatly at neck edge on next 5 rows.

[46 (49: 52: 56: 59) sts]

Work 10 (12: 14: 16: 18) rows straight, ending at side edge.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 9 (10: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next row and the 3 foll alt rows. Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 10 (9: 12: 12: 11) sts.

SHAPE RIGHT NECK AND SHOULDER

With RS facing, slip next 23 (25: 27: 29: 31) sts to a holder and set aside.

Neatly rejoin yarn at neck edge and patt to end of row.

Work as for Left Neck and Shoulder from **, working 1 more row before shaping shoulder.

SLEEVES

Cast on 35 (37: 39: 41: 43) sts using 4mm needles.

Work in twisted rib as on Back for 6cm, ending after a WS row.

Next row (WS) Purl, working M1P 6 (6: 6: 4: 4) times evenly across row. [41 (43: 45: 45: 47) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K3 (4: 5: 5: 6), P5, (TW2, P1, TW2, P5) 3 times, K3 (4: 5: 5: 6).

Row 2 P3 (4: 5: 5: 6), K5, (P5, K5) 3 times, P to end.

These 2 rows set patt.

Work 0 (4: 2: 0: 0) more rows in patt.

Working extra sts in st st, shape Sleeve by inc 1 st at each end of next row and 7 (7: 9: 16: 19) foll 6th (4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) rows, then on 7 (9: 8: 4: 2) foll 6th rows. [71 (77: 81: 87: 91) sts]

Work straight until Sleeve meas 47 (48: 48: 49: 49)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

Cast off loosely.

NECKBAND

Join left shoulder seam.

Using 4mm needles, with RS facing, rejoin yarn and knit across 33 (35: 37: 39: 41) sts of back holder, pick up and knit 19 (21: 22: 24: 25) sts evenly down edge of left side of neck, knit across 23 (25: 27: 29: 31) sts of front holder, finally pick up and knit 20 (22: 23: 25: 26) sts evenly up edge of right side of neck. [95 (103: 109: 117: 123) sts]

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Rows 2 to 6 Beg with Row 1, work 5 rows in twisted rib as on Back.

Change to 3.75mm needles.

Work in twisted rib for 5 more rows.

Using a 5mm needle, **cast off** loosely.

MAKING UP

1 With WS facing, block work to size and shape by pinning out edges. Using a warm iron set on low steam, press lightly, omitting rib and following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

2 Join right shoulder and edges of neckband. Fold neckband in half and whip-stitch in place around inside of neck.

3 Fold Sleeves in half, and join cast-off edge to upper side edges of back and front.

4 Join side and Sleeve seams using mattress stitch.

5 Press seams, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. ●



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YOU WILL NEED

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1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Mink (599)
- Yarn B** Walnut (927)
- Yarn C** Aran (993)
- Yarn D** Oyster Pink (614)
- Yarn E** Ocean Blue (609)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Toy filling
- 2 pairs of toy safety eyes, 5mm diameter
- Oddment of black DK yarn
- Locking markers or waste yarn

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

30cm (11¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or visit www.sirdar.com

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- Sew Pro Crafts**
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GIRL REINDEER

BODY

Cast on 15 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 15 times. [30 sts]

Rows 2 to 23 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 24 P3, (p2tog) 5 times, P4, (p2tog) 5 times, P3. [20 sts]

Row 25 K2, (k2tog) 3 times, K4, (k2tog) 3 times, K2. [14 sts]

Rows 26 to 28 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

HEAD

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

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 8 times. [16 sts]

Row 2 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1) 8 times. [24 sts]

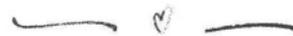
Row 5 (Kfb, K2) 8 times. [32 sts]

Row 7 (Kfb, K3) 8 times. [40 sts]

Row 9 (Kfb, K4) 8 times. [48 sts]

"I would have played with toys such as this for hours and hours as a little girl. Getting them dressed for going out and chatting to them all the while. Such a sweet knit."

CAMILLA OWEN, DESIGNER



Rows 10 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 K2tog, K7, (k2tog, K3) 6 times, K7, k2tog. [40 sts]

Row 19 K2tog, K6, (k2tog, K2) 6 times, K6, k2tog. [32 sts]

Row 21 K2tog, K5, (k2tog, K1) 6 times, K5, k2tog. [24 sts]

Row 23 (K2tog, K1) 8 times. [16 sts]

Row 25 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Row 26 (WS) Purl.

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

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT AND 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.



HEAD STRIPE

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 Sl1, (kfb) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]
Row 5 Sl1, purl to end.
Row 6 Sl1, knit to end.
Rows 7 to 8 Rep Rows 5 to 6.
Row 9 Rep Row 5.
Row 10 Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 11 Sl1, purl to end.
Rows 12 to 19 Rep Rows 10 to 11 four times. [4 sts]

Row 20 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

NOSE

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (K2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

ANTLERS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 Cast off 4 sts, knit to end. [6 sts]
Row 2 P6, cast on 3 sts. [9 sts]
Cast off.

OUTER EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 4 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 5 Ssk, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]
Row 6 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Row 7 K2tog and fasten off.

INNER EARS (MAKE 2)

Work as given for Outer Ears using Yarn C.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
 Break Yarn A and change to Yarn B.
Rows 19 to 21 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 22 (P2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 12 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 24 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
 Break Yarn A and change to Yarn B.
Rows 25 to 29 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 30 (P2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.**

PINAFORE SKIRT

Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
Row 5 (WS) Purl.
Row 6 (K1, kfb) 15 times. [45 sts]
Rows 7 to 9 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 10 (K2, kfb) 15 times. [60 sts]
Rows 11 to 13 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Rows 14 to 17 Knit.
Cast off.

PINAFORE FRONT

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 K2, P5, K2.
Rows 3 to 8 Rep Rows 1 to 2 three times.
Rows 9 to 12 Knit.
Cast off.

PINAFORE STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Cast off.

FLOWERS (MAKE 1 EACH IN YARNS D AND E)

Cast on 12 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (P2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]

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

BOY REINDEER

Work as given for Girl Reindeer as far as **, swapping Yarn A with Yarn B throughout.

DUNGAREE LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Rows 4 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, marking each end of Row 15.

Rows 22 to 24 Knit.

Cast off.

DUNGAREE BIB

Work as given for Pinafore Front using Yarn E.

DUNGAREE STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Note When stuffing, use a pencil to push the stuffing to the ends of the legs and arms. Place pins where the eyes are to be placed so you can place them symmetrically.

- 1 Turn Body to WS, sew across cast-on edge so seam is at back, leaving neck open. Turn RS out and stuff, then close.
- 2 For Head, sew row edges tog, attach safety eyes and stuff. Gather up cast-on sts and secure closed.
- 3 Sew around side edges and cast-on edge of Nose to make a circle. Sew to face. With black DK yarn, embroider nose and mouth.
- 4 With Yarn C, and using photo as a guide, embroider Vs on Head Stripe and sew to Head with cast-off edge towards tip of Nose.
- 5 Join row edges of Cheeks to make a circle and sew a Cheek to each side of Head, as in photo.
- 6 Sew Outer and Inner Ears tog on WS leaving cast-on edges open, turn RS out and sew into place on each side of Head, behind Head Stripe.
- 7 Sew each Antler to top of Head in between Ears.
- 8 The Girl Reindeer's Yarn D Flower is made by joining row edges and gathering into flower shape. Attach to Head in front of Ear.
- 9 Sew Head to Neck of Body.
- 10 For Arms and Legs, join row edges leaving cast-on edge open, stuff, and close rem seam. Attach Arms to each side of Body just below neck, Attach Legs to bottom of Body.
- 11 For Pinafore sew row edges of Skirt piece tog leaving cast-on and cast-off edges open. Sew Pinafore Front to top edge of Skirt and attach Straps to top of Front, crossing Straps before sewing to the back of the Skirt. Make up Yarn E Flower as above. Using Yarn C, embroider a small bud at centre and sew Flower to top of Pinafore.
- 12 Fold each Dungaree Leg in half lengthwise and sew from cast-on edge to marker. Join Leg pieces by sewing seam above markers tog. Remove markers. Sew Bib to front of Dungarees. Attach Straps to top of Bib and back of Dungarees without crossing. ❁



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CHILLY CHAP

Make teatimes special with this fun Jack Frost knitted cosy – he's surprisingly good at tea warming! By **Tea Cosy Folk**

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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Tinsel Chunky (75% polyester, 25% Lurex; 50g/70m)
1 ball in **Yarn A** Icicle (3424)
- King Cole Glitz DK (97% acrylic, 3% polyester; 100g/290m)
1 ball of each
Yarn B Diamond White (483)
Yarn C Cloud (3501)
- King Cole Pricewise DK (100% acrylic; 100g/290m)
1 ball in **Yarn D** Blush (149)
- A pair of 5.5mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A stitch holder
- Toy filling
- 2 black beads, 5mm diameter

TENSION

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

14 sts and 23 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5.5mm needles with Yarns A and B held TOGETHER

SIZE

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

For yarn stockists contact King Cole on 01756 703670 or www.kingcole.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- The Knitting Network**
01795 570303 or www.theknittingnetwork.co.uk
- Purple Linda Crafts**
www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk



JACK FROST TEA COSY

Note The main part of the cosy is worked in reverse stocking stitch. This pattern uses stitches cast on part-way through a row; cast on to the LH needle in the usual way.

MAIN COSY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 28 sts using 5.5mm needles and Yarns A and B held TOG.

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

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

Rows 3 to 7 Rep Rows 1 to 2 twice, then rep Row 1 once more.

Rows 8 to 24 Starting on a WS knit row, work in rev st st.

Leave sts on a holder.

Work second piece in the same way but leave sts on needle.

COSY TOP

Row 1 (RS, joining) (P5, p2tog) 4 times, with RS facing, return held 28 sts to needles and work (P5, p2tog) 4 times. [48 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (P4, p2tog) 8 times. [40 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (P3, p2tog) 8 times. [32 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (P2, p2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 (P1, p2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 (P2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

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

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

BODY

Cast on 16 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

"Susan Cowper from Tea Cosy Folk has done it again with another detail-packed cosy. We hope this one is less 'frosty' and more 'snuggly' when it comes to tea warming!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Row 1 (RS) K3, (kfb) twice, K6, (kfb) twice, K3. [20 sts]

Row 2 P3, pfb, P2, pfb, P6, pfb, P2, pfb, P3. [24 sts]

Rows 3 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 7 K5, (kfb) twice, K10, (kfb) twice, K5. [28 sts]

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

Row 13 K6, (kfb) twice, K12, (kfb) twice, K6. [32 sts]

Rows 14 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 21 K5, ssk, K2, k2tog, K10, ssk, K2, k2tog, K5. [28 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K5, ssk, k2tog, K10, ssk, k2tog, K5. [24 sts]

Row 24 P5, p2tog, P10, p2tog, P5. [22 sts]

Row 25 (K2tog) 11 times. [11 sts]

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

With WS tog, sew row ends tog and stuff. With this seam at centre front, flatten Body and sew cast-on edge tog where it meets.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 14 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K4, (kfb) 4 times, K4, kfb. [20 sts]

Row 2 Pfb, P7, (pfb) 4 times, P7, pfb. [26 sts]

Rows 3 to 5 Knit.

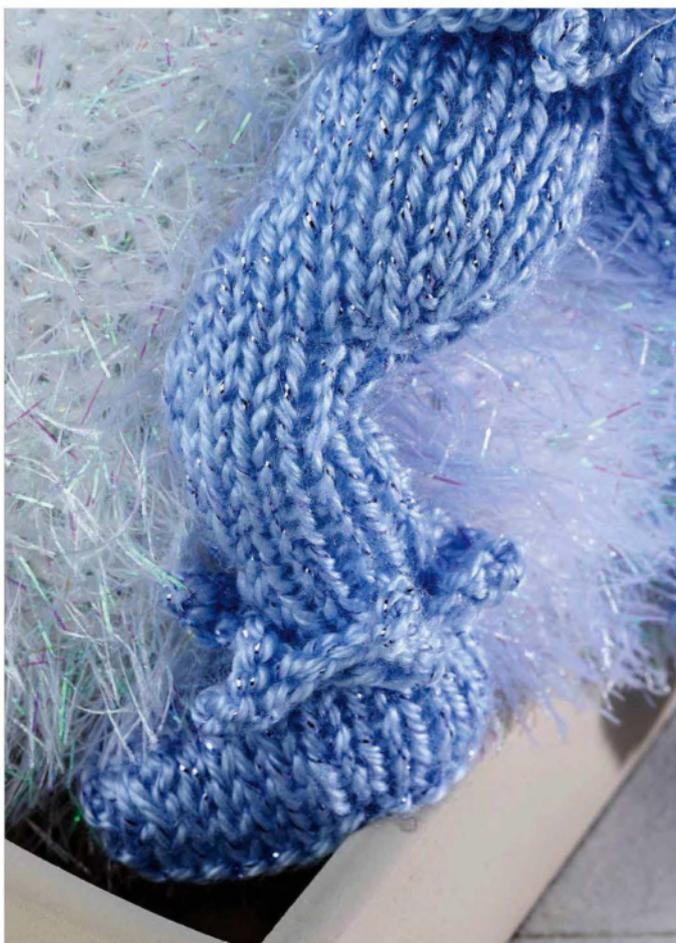
Row 6 P2tog, P22, p2tog. [24 sts]

Row 7 Ssk, K20, k2tog. [22 sts]

Row 8 P2tog, P18, p2tog. [20 sts]

Row 9 Ssk, K16, k2tog. [18 sts]

Row 10 P2tog, P5, (p2tog) twice, P5, p2tog. [14 sts]



Row 11 Ssk, K10, k2tog. [12 sts]
Row 12 P2tog, P8, p2tog. [10 sts]
Rows 13 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 19 Kfb, K8, kfb. [12 sts]
Rows 20 to 22 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 23 Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]
Rows 24 to 26 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 27 Ssk, K4, (kfb) twice, K4, k2tog.
Row 28 P6, (pfb) twice, P6. [16 sts]
Row 29 Ssk, K5, (kfb) twice, K5, k2tog.
Row 30 P7, (kfb) twice, P7. [18 sts]
Rows 31 to 40 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Cast off.
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog and stuff. Sew cast-on edge to itself where it touches to create a flat sole of foot. With drawn-up part of Body uppermost, pin and sew open cast-off edge of a Leg to each side of Body, so that top of inside legs meet at centre of bottom of Body.

TUNIC BORDER

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (**Cast on** 6 sts, **cast off** 8 sts, slip rem st on RH needle back to LH needle) 13 times, **cast on** 6 sts. [8 sts]
Cast off.

Sew Tunic Border around bottom of Body and over tops of Legs.

ANKLETS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 12 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (**Cast on** 4 sts, **cast off** 6 sts, slip rem st on RH needle back to LH needle) 5 times, **cast on** 4 sts. [6 sts]
Cast off.

Sew an Anklet around each ankle.

With tea cosy on a teapot and with teapot on a hard surface, stand Body/Legs next to teapot so that it rests against it, pin to Main Cosy in an impish stance and sew into place.

HEAD

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K5, (kfb) twice, K5. [14 sts]
Row 4 P6, (kfb) twice, P6. [16 sts]
Row 5 (K2, kfb) twice, K1, (kfb) twice, K1, (kfb, K2) twice. [22 sts]
Row 6 P10, (kfb) twice, P10. [24 sts]
Row 7 (K3, kfb) 6 times. [30 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 (K4, kfb) 6 times. [36 sts]
Row 10 Purl.
Row 11 K18, **cast on** 12 sts, knit to end. [48 sts]
Row 12 P22, ssp, p2tog, P22. [46 sts]
Row 13 K21, k2tog, ssk, K21. [44 sts]
Row 14 P20, ssp, p2tog, P20. [42 sts]
Row 15 K19, k2tog, ssk, K19. [40 sts]
Row 16 P18, ssp, p2tog, P18. [38 sts]
Row 17 (K6, k2tog) twice, K1, k2tog, ssk, K1, (k2tog, K6) twice. [32 sts]
Row 18 Purl.

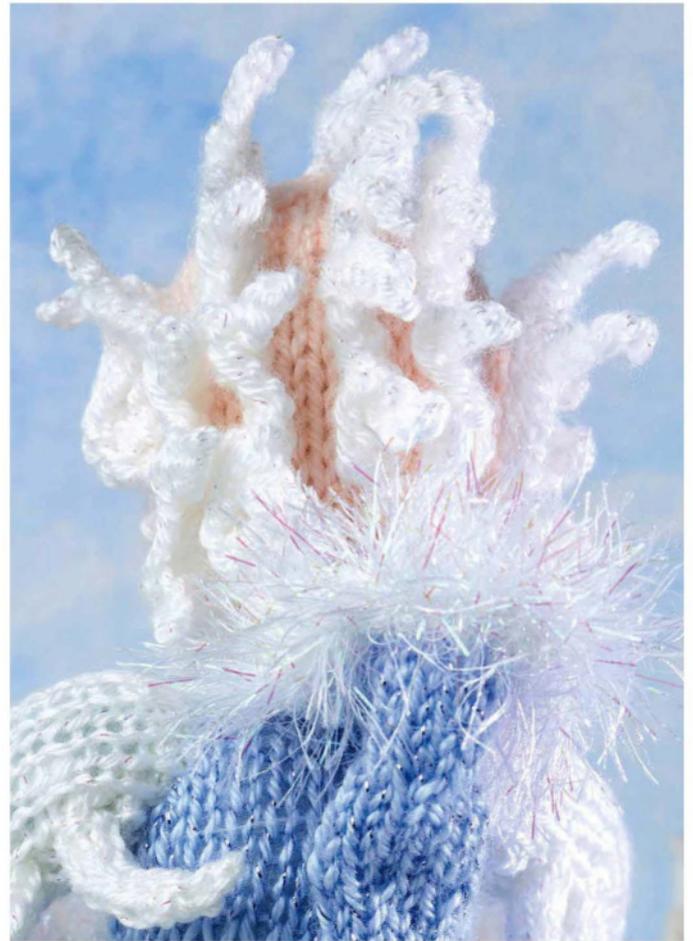
Row 19 (K2, k2tog) 8 times. [24 sts]
Rows 20 to 22 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 23 (K1, k2tog) 8 times. [16 sts]
Row 24 Purl.
Row 25 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

Sew closed gap under nose, then with WS tog, sew row ends tog and stuff. Sew open cast-on edge of Head to centre top of Body.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 5 times. [10 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Kfb, (K2, kfb) 3 times. [14 sts]
Rows 4 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 13 K2tog, K10, k2tog. [12 sts]
Row 14 Purl.
Row 15 K2tog, K8, k2tog. [10 sts]
Row 16 Purl.
Row 17 K2tog, K2, (kfb) twice, K2, k2tog.
Row 18 P4, (kfb) twice, P4. [12 sts]
Rows 19 to 22 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 23 K2tog, K8, k2tog. [10 sts]
Rows 24 to 26 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 27 K1, (k2tog, K1) 3 times. [7 sts]
Row 28 K3, k2tog, K2. [6 sts]
 Break Yarn B and join Yarn D.
Row 29 (Kfb) 6 times. [12 sts]
Row 30 Purl.
Row 31 K6, **cast on** 5 sts, **cast off** 5 sts, knit to end.
Rows 32 to 34 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 35 **Cast off** 6 sts, slip st on RH needle back to LH needle, **cast on** 6 sts, **cast off** 7 sts, slip st on RH needle back to LH needle, **cast on** 7 sts, **cast off** 8 sts, slip st on RH needle back to LH needle, **cast on** 6 sts, **cast off** 8 sts, slip st on RH needle back to LH needle, **cast on** 4 sts.
Cast off.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog and stuff upper Arm but not hand. At cast-off edge, pin first 6 cast-off sts at the base of fingers and sew into place. At cast-on edge, sew a row of running stitches and draw-up to close. Block fingers to get them to lay flat. Bend Arms at elbows and make sure that thumbs are nearest centre, then sew an Arm to each side of Body so that they look like they are reaching out to the frost ball.



HAIR WAVES (MAKE 5)

Cast on 36 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) Ssk, K4, (**cast on** 4 sts, **cast off** 4 sts, K5 not counting st rem from casting off) 4 times, **cast on** 4 sts, **cast off** 4 sts, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [34 sts]
Row 2 Ssk, K1, (k2tog, ssk, K2) four times, k2tog, ssk, K1, k2tog. [22 sts]
Row 3 K1, (k2tog, K1) 7 times. [15 sts]
Cast off.

Pin and sew Hair Waves to Head running front to back, using photo

STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



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



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



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



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



Row 2 P5, ssp, p2tog, P10, ssp, p2tog, P5. [24 sts]
Row 3 (Ssk, K2, k2tog) 4 times. [16 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 K2, k2tog, ssk, K4, k2tog, ssk, K2. [12 sts]
Rows 6 to 8 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 9 (K1, k2tog) 4 times. [8 sts]
Rows 10 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 13 (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Row 14 Purl.
Row 15 K2tog, K2. [3 sts]
Row 16 P2tog, P1. [2 sts]
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog. Stuff wider part of Beard and with seam downwards, sew to chin directly below nose.

EYEBROWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 4 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 5 (RS) K2tog, K2. [3 sts]
Row 6 P2tog, P1. [2 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog and sew to face. Attach two 5mm black beads for eyes.

HOOD

Cast on 40 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) **Cast off** 5 sts, purl to end. [35 sts]
Row 2 **Cast off** 5 sts, knit to end. [30 sts]
 Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.
Row 3 (K3, k2tog) 6 times. [24 sts]
Rows 4 to 8 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 9 (K2, k2tog) 6 times. [18 sts]
Rows 10 to 14 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 15 (K1, k2tog) 6 times. [12 sts]
Rows 16 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 19 (K2tog) 6 times. [6 sts]
Rows 20 to 22 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 23 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]
 Break Yarn C and join Yarn A.
Row 24 Purl.
Row 25 (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Row 26 Knit.
Row 27 Purl.
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog from drawn-up point. Wrap the two short cast-off edges at edge of Hood around neck to meet at front and sew into place.

ARM ICICLES (MAKE 6)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K2, k2tog, K2. [5 sts]
Rows 4 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 7 Ssk, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
 Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS tog, sew row ends tog (no need to stuff). Sew open cast-on edge of each Icicle to underside of upper Arm, using photo as a guide. 



as a guide. Hair Waves should be evenly spaced with centre Hair wave more forward starting at first dec row at front of Head. The next two waves on each side should slightly set back from first, and last two waves start in line at back, and come up and curl round and down again creating a curl.

BEARD

Cast on 32 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) K6, k2tog, ssk, K12, k2tog, ssk, K6. [28 sts]



STYLECRAFT CHROMATIC

Chromatic DK is a vibrant acrylic-wool blend with soft, hazy colour transitions that create stunning gradients as you work through your chosen knit. Available in eight enchanting shades, from Opulent Opal to Midnight Mirage, it's perfect for adding warmth and mystery to winter projects. Soft, versatile and beautifully variegated, this interesting yarn turns every knitted creation into a captivating masterpiece.

RRP £5.29 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/310m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 80% acrylic, 20% wool **CARE** Machine wash 30°C www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



YARNSMITHS FULL OF BEANS

Full of Beans is a vibrant celebration of colour that brings energy and fun to every project you cast on. The self-stripping rows create eye-catching patterns effortlessly, and the variety of shades – from bold primaries to soft pastels – offers endless creative possibilities. Perfect for garments or blankets, it turns every stitch into a joyful, playful expression. Highly recommend for colourful, spirited crafting!

RRP £2.20 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/360m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



KING COLE COTTAGESPUN CHUNKY

King Cole's Cottagespun Chunky is a gorgeous acrylic roving yarn with ten stunning variegated colourways inspired by rural charm. The cosy, rustic palette makes it perfect for autumn garments. We also love that every purchase supports the Loose Ends Project, which matches volunteers to finish unfinished handwork for grieving families. We think it's heartwarming to craft in such a meaningful way.

RRP £6.89 **WEIGHT** Chunky **BALL** 150g/225m **NEEDLE** 6mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C www.kingcole.com

Colour changers

With shade surprises in every row, the latest self-stripping and variegated yarns turn knitting into painting...



RICO DESIGN SUPERBA BAMBOO SUPERWASH 4PLY

While perfect for socks, Superba Bamboo 4ply is versatile enough for all kinds of 4ply projects. The self-patterning effect is stunning, and the 50% wool blend gives it a soft, durable feel. A 100g ball has amazing yardage (420m) and easily knits a whole pair of socks. Plus, it's machine washable too.

RRP £8.49 **WEIGHT** 4ply **BALL** 100g/421m **NEEDLE** 2-3mm **CONTENT** 50% wool, 25% viscose, 25% polyamide **CARE** Machine wash www.rico-design.de



HOBBII FRUTTA

Frutta 100% Pima cotton yarn is a joy to work with! The vibrant colour transitions are glorious as is the softness against the skin. It's perfect for larger, eye-catching projects thanks to its generous metreage and smooth colour changes. We loved how practical it was, machine washable and durable. Frutta brings creativity and fun to every project.

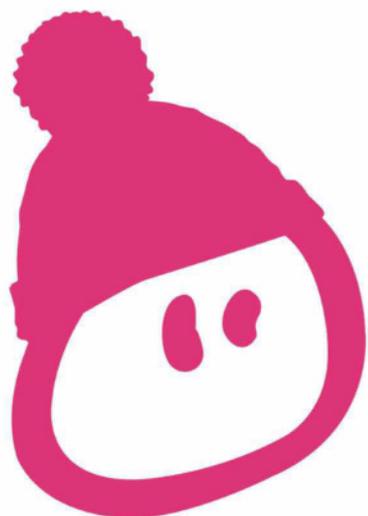
RRP £6.80 **WEIGHT** Aran **BALL** 100g/210m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% cotton **CARE** Machine wash cold www.hobbii.co.uk



WOOL AND THE GANG ALPACHINO MERINO TWIST

The blend of Merino and alpaca in Alpachino Merino creates an incredibly soft, squishy yarn that feels like candy floss. The gentle twist adds texture without being bulky, making it perfect for year-round projects. It's easy to knit with and perfect for beginners. It's great for everything from cardigans to beanies, and the results are always stunning!

RRP £14.50 **WEIGHT** Chunky **BALL** 100g/100m **NEEDLE** 6.5-8mm **CONTENT** 60% Merino wool, 40% baby alpaca **CARE** Hand wash cool/lukewarm www.woolandthegang.com



the innocent big knit

Get your knitting needles at the ready and unleash your creativity this winter and beyond. Join the fund raising fun one tiny hat at a time with innocent smoothies' latest heartwarming campaign – the Big Knit!

The Big Knit, one of the UK's longest running campaigns, which began in 2003, is back for another year. Age UK and innocent smoothies are teaming up again to raise money to help support older people, both nationally and locally. Since the beginning, the Big Knit has raised over £3.2 million for Age UK, which has all been made possible by the heroic volunteers up and down the country who have knitted and crocheted millions of tiny hats.

Calling all knitters

With the return of the Big Knit, innocent and Age UK are calling on all knitting ninjas, purling pros, crochet connoisseurs or anyone who is keen to have a go, to help craft as many little hats as possible (1.4 million to be exact). All woolly masterpieces received will be popped on little innocent smoothies in autumn 2025, with 30p from each behatted bottle sold going to Age UK.

Bringing communities together

With older people in the UK facing increased challenges, the funds raised through the Big Knit are even more



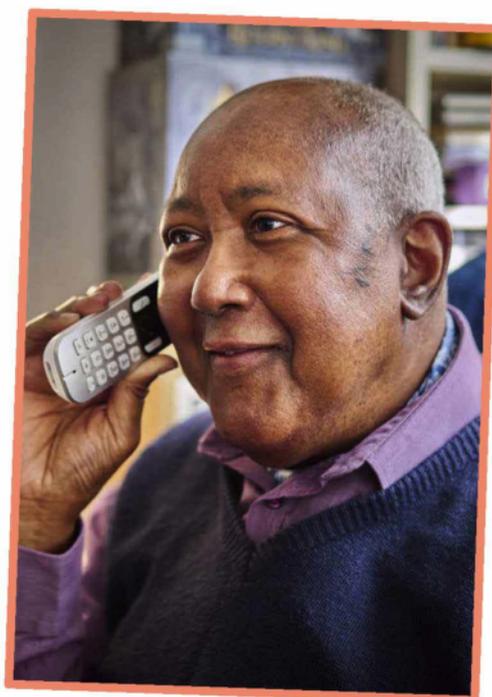
important for providing older people with vital advice, support and friendship. Hannorah Lee, Interim Fundraising and Engagement Director at Age UK, said: "The Big Knit is a wonderful way to bring communities together through creativity while raising vital funds to support older people in urgent need, especially during the current cost of living crisis. The money raised from these little hats will help us continue providing vital services, such as our Advice Line and Telephone Friendship Service, and offer support through the local Age UKs across the country. We encourage all knitters to join us in crafting as many hats as possible! Together, we can make a big difference in the lives of older people who need it most."

The Big Knit is back

Charlotte Wright, Brand Manager at innocent drinks UK, said: "The Big Knit is an amazing campaign that gets people throughout the country knitting, crocheting and buying little hats on smoothies for a cause that truly matters. We are so excited that the Big Knit is back, and we will be continuing our long-standing partnership with Age UK to help support older people as much as possible."

Get involved

For anyone who would like to get involved and create some bobble dazzlers for this amazing cause, check out www.bigknit.co.uk for loads of hat pattern inspiration. Whether it's a dinosaur, has two bobbles, or is their favourite fruit or veg, we'd love to see all your efforts too!



Visit www.bigknit.co.uk and www.ageuk.org.uk/bigknit for more details. Hats will be on smoothie bottles and for sale from October 2025 in selected UK retailers.

Crafters have until 1 July 2025 to send their hat(s) into innocent head office or drop them at their nearest Age UK shop, so plenty of time to get those needles clicking!

You can also drop off at, or send your hats to: Big Knit, innocent drinks, 342 Ladbrooke Grove, W10 5BU, London



START KNITTING TODAY!

YOU WILL NEED

For the Rabbit Hat

- DK stash yarn in beige, brown, pink and black
- 4mm needles

For the Rainbow Hat

- DK stash yarn in red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple and pink
- 4mm needles
- Fork for making pompoms

For the Strawberry Hat

- DK stash yarn in red, green

- and yellow
- 4mm needles

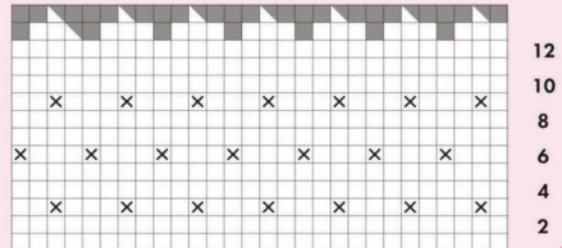
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USING OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right. A row of squares is a row of knitting

STRAWBERRY HAT CHART



□ = Red x = Yellow ■ = Green

NOT TOO tricky!

RABBIT

Cast on 31 sts in beige using 4mm needles.
Start with a knit row and work 14 rows in st st.

Next row K2tog to last st, K1. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog to end. [8 sts]
Cut the yarn pulling it through the remaining stitches and fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts in beige and work 6 rows in garter stitch.

Next row K1, k3tog, K1. [5 sts]
Knit another 5 rows in garter stitch then knit all 3 sts together and pull yarn through the loop.

MAKING UP

Use a sewing needle to join side seams. Sew end in at the tip of the ears and, pinching the bottom of the ears so they stand up, sew them to the hat. Embroider eyes, nose and mouth in black, brown and pink yarn.

RAINBOW

Cast on 31 sts in red using 4mm needles.
Knit 2 rows (garter st).

Change to orange and, beginning with a knit row, continue in st st as follows: 2 rows orange, 2 rows yellow, 2 rows green, 2 rows blue, 2 rows purple, 2 rows pink. Continue in pink.

Next row K2tog to last st, K1. [16 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog to end. [8 sts]

Cut the yarn and pull through remaining stitches.

MAKING UP

Use a sewing needle to join side seams. Make a pompom using a fork and all the colours and sew it securely to the top of the hat.

STRAWBERRY

Cast on 28 sts in red using 4mm needles.

Knit 2 rows, then starting with a knit row, and working in st st throughout, complete Rows 1 to 12 from the Chart.

Next row Change to green, k2tog to end. [14 st]

Next row P2tog to end. [7 sts]

Next row K1, k2tog 3 times. [4 sts]

*Transfer the 4 stitches from RH to LH needle, pulling the yarn tight and knitting them again.** Repeat from * to ** six times. This is an i-cord and will be the strawberry's stalk

Next row K2tog twice then pass 1st st over the 2nd.

Fasten by pulling the yarn through last switch.

MAKING UP

Sew the side seams tog, hide yarn end inside strawberry.


For more great knitting patterns visit www.thebigknit.co.uk/knittingpatterns



TRY A
NEW
stitch!



TEXTURED BLISS

Knit a stunning wool jumper featuring a beautiful V-stitch for cosy warmth and style. By **Sarah Hatton**



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

□ West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft (aran, 100% Shetland wool, 100g/166m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 5mm needles
- Stitch holders

TENSION

20 sts and 26 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern using 5mm needles

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

ABBREVIATIONS

C2B Knit into front of second st on needle then knit into front of first st on needle before slipping both sts off together

C2F Knit into back of second st on needle then knit into front of first st on needle before slipping both sts off together

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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

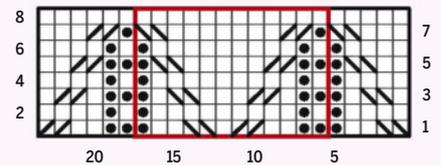
Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right-side rows from right to left and wrong-side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- ▤ C2B
- ▥ C2F
- ◻ Repeat

CHART



V-STITCH JUMPER

Note Please note when sewing up raglans there will be a different number of rows on the body and Sleeves due to different row tensions. It is important to get the correct gauge so that the raglan edges match.

CHART PATTERN

Written instructions

Repeats are in ()

Row 1 (RS) C2F, K2, P1, (P2, K2, C2B, K1, C2F, K2, P1), P2, K2, C2B.

Row 2 (WS) P4, K1, P1, (K1, P9, K1, P1), K1, P4.

Row 3 K1, C2F, K1, P1, (P2, K1, C2B, K3, C2F, K1, P1), P2, K1, C2B, K1.

Row 4 Repeat Row 2.

Row 5 K2, C2F, P1, (P2, C2B, K5, C2F, P1), P2, C2B, K2.

Row 6 Repeat Row 2.

Row 7 K3, C2F, (P1, C2B, K7, C2F), P1, C2B, K3.

Row 8 Purl.

BACK

Cast on 106 (114: 126: 134: 146: 154) sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS) *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.

These 2 rows set rib.

Cont in rib as set until piece meas 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 7)cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) Rib to end, dec 1 (0: 1: 0: 1: 0) st and inc 0 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1) st at end of row. [105 (115: 125: 135: 145: 155) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

When working the pattern (from Chart or written instructions), where there are not enough stitches available to work the cable, work st in st st.

Row 1 (RS) K1, beg with st 2 (3: 4: 5: 7: 1) and ending with st 20 (19: 18: 17: 17: 21) work work Row 1 from Chart or written instructions,



FIND YOUR SIZE

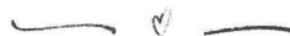
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TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST	cm	103	113	123	133	143	153
	in	40½	44½	48½	52¼	56¼	60¼
LENGTH	cm	60.5	62.5	65	67.5	69	71
	in	23¾	24¾	25½	26½	27¼	28
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	46	47	47	48	48
	in	18	18	18½	18½	19	19
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft (aran, 100g/166m)					
Kettlester (1148)		6	6	7	8	8	9

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



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KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



working 12-st rep 8 (9: 10: 11: 11: 12) times, K1.
Row 2 (WS) K1, beg with st 20 (19: 18: 17: 17: 21) and ending with st 2 (3: 4: 5: 7: 1), work Row 2 from Chart or written instructions, working 12-st rep 8 (9: 10: 11: 11: 12) times, K1.
 These 2 rows set Chart placement.

Cont in patt as set, working Rows 3 to 8 of Chart Pattern, then working Rows 1 to 8 of Chart Pattern throughout until Back meas 39 (39: 39: 40: 41: 42)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [93 (101: 109: 117: 125: 133) sts]
Next row (RS) K1, skpo, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row (WS) P1, p2tog, patt to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, P1. [2 sts dec'd]
 These 2 rows set raglan shaping.
 Repeat last 2 rows another 5 (6: 7: 9: 12: 14) times. [69 (73: 77: 77: 73: 73) sts]**

Dec 1 st as set at each end of next row and 15 (16: 18: 17: 15: 14) foll RS rows. [37 (39: 39: 41: 41: 43) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.
 Leave these sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.
 Dec 1 st as set at each end of next row and 10 (11: 13: 11: 9: 8) foll RS rows. [47 (49: 49: 53: 53: 55) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K1, skpo, patt 10 (10: 10: 12: 12: 12), turn work and

cont on these 12 (12: 12: 14: 14: 14) sts for Left Neck.

Next row (WS) P2tog, patt to end. [11 (11: 11: 13: 13: 13) sts]***

Work 2 rows in patt, dec 1 st as set at raglan edge and neck edge on first row and at neck edge only on second row.

[8 (8: 8: 10: 10: 10) sts]

Dec 1 st as set at raglan and neck edges of next row and 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 2) foll RS rows. [4 sts]

Next row (WS) Patt to end.

Next row K1, skpo, patt to end. [3 sts]

Leave these 3 sts on a safety pin.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

With RS facing, leave 21 (23: 23: 23: 23: 25) sts on a holder for front neck, rejoin yarn to rem 13 (13: 13: 15: 15: 15) sts and patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [12 (12: 12: 14: 14: 14) sts]

Next row (WS) Patt to last 2 sts, p2tog tbl. [11 (11: 11: 13: 13: 13) sts]

Work as for Left Front from ***.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 42 (46: 46: 50: 50: 54) sts using 4mm needles.

Work in rib as set on Back until piece meas 5cm, ending after a WS row.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row and working in st st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of 5th and 3 (3: 5: 5: 12: 12) foll 8th (8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) rows, then on every foll 10th (10th: 8th: 8th: 8th: 8th) row to 62 (66: 72: 76: 80: 84) sts.

Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[50 (52: 56: 58: 60: 62) sts]

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

This row sets raglan shaping, which is worked on RS rows only.

Dec 1 st as set at each end of 2 (4: 5: 6: 6: 6) 4th rows, and then on every foll RS row to 14 (16: 16: 18: 18: 18) sts.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Leave rem sts on a holder.

MAKING UP

Join raglan seams, leaving left back raglan seam open.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 4mm needles or K13 (15: 15: 17: 17: 17) sts from left Sleeve top, K last st from Sleeve holder together with first st from left front safety pin, K2 from safety pin, pick up and knit 8 (8: 8: 9: 9: 9) sts down left side of neck, knit across 21 (23: 23: 23: 23: 25) sts from Front neck holder, pick up and knit 8 (8: 8: 9: 9: 9) sts up right side of neck, K2 from safety pin, K last st from safety pin together with first st from right Sleeve holder, K13 (15: 15: 17: 17: 17) from Sleeve holder, knit across 37 (39: 39: 41: 41: 43) sts from Back neck holder. [106 (114: 114: 122: 122: 126) sts]

Row 1 (WS) *K2, P2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2 (RS) P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows set rib.

Work 5 rows more in rib as set, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib.

FINISHING

Join left back raglan and neckband seam. Join side and Sleeve seams. Cover with damp cloths and leave to dry. ●



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Combine cables and tweed-effect yarn to create this classic cable knit, complete with handy button-up raglan seam. By **Bergère de France**

* KIDS' CABLE JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Bergère de France Ecoton (DK, 48% acrylic, 48% cotton, 4% other fibres, 50g/130m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 3mm needles
- A pair of 3.5mm needles
- A cable needle (cn)
- 4 transparent press studs 13mm diameter (ref 60467, pack of 59)
- 4 beechwood buttons, 14mm diameter (ref 32632, pack of 6)

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

29 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Diamond st using 3.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- T3B** Slip next st to cn and hold at back, K2; P1 from cn
- T3F** Slip next 2 sts to cn and hold at front, P1; K2 from cn
- C5B** Slip next 3 sts to cn and hold at back, K2; K3 from cn

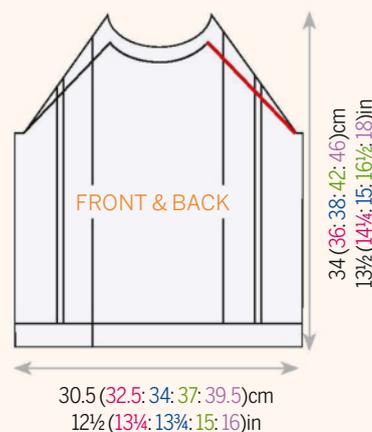
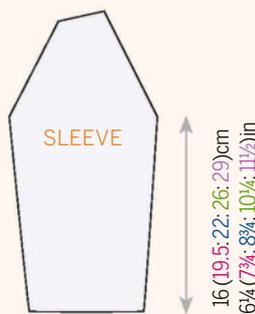
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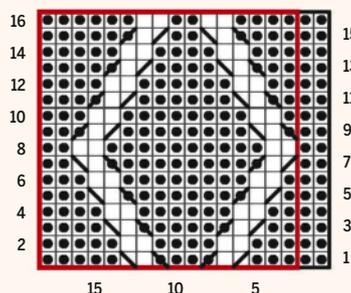
- For yarn stockists contact Bergère de France or www.bergerefrance.co.uk

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- The Knitter's Attic 01394 547077 or www.theknittersattic.co.uk
- SMD Knitting 0800 622 6225 or www.knittingwool.com



CHART



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- T3B
- T3F
- Repeat

KIDS' CABLE JUMPER STITCH PATTERNS

CABLE PANEL

- Row 1 C5B.
- Row 2 Purl.
- Row 3 Knit.
- Row 4 Purl.
- Row 5 Knit.
- Row 6 Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 to 6.

DIAMOND STITCH CHART (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

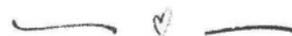
- Row 1 (RS) P2, (P3, T3B, P2, T3F, P5) 3 times.
- Row 2 (WS) (K5, P2, K4, P2, K3) 3 times, K2.
- Row 3 P2, (P2, T3B, P4, T3F, P4) 3 times.
- Row 4 (K4, P2, K6, P2, K2) 3 times, K2.
- Row 5 P2, (P1, T3B, P6, T3F, P3) 3 times.
- Row 6 (K3, P2, K8, P2, K1) 3 times, K2.
- Row 7 P2, (T3B, P8, T3F, P2) 3 times.
- Row 8 (K2, P2, K10, P2) 3 times, K2.
- Row 9 P2, (T3F, P8, T3B, P2) 3 times.
- Row 10 Repeat Row 6.
- Row 11 P2, (P1, T3F, P6, T3B, P3) 3 times.
- Row 12 Repeat Row 4.
- Row 13 P2, (P2, T3F, P4, T3B, P4) 3 times.
- Row 14 Repeat Row 2.
- Row 15 P2, (P3, T3F, P2, T3B, P5) 3 times.
- Row 16 (K6, P2, K2, P2, K4) 3 times, K2.

BACK

- Cast on 89 (93: 97: 103: 109) sts using 3mm needles.
- Row 1 (RS) (K1, P1) to last st, K1.
- Row 2 (WS) P1, (K1, P1) to end.

"The yarn used to knit this lovely jumper contains a large amount of cotton which creates a fabric that's soft on the skin and wonderfully comfortable to wear."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 times, increasing 1 st on the final WS row. [90 (94: 98: 104: 110) sts]

Change to 3.5mm needles.

Set up row 1 K6 (8: 10: 13: 16), P2, K5, P2, K5, P2, (P4, K2, P2, K2, P6) 3 times, K5, P2, K5, P2, K to end.

Set up row 2 P6 (8: 10: 13: 16), K2, P5, K2, P5, (K6, P2, K2, P2, K4) 3 times, K2, P5, K2, P5, K2, P to end.

Row 1 K6 (8: 10: 13: 16), P2, work Row 1 of cable panel, P2, work Row 1 of cable panel, work Row 1 of diamond stitch, working the 16-st rep 3 times, work Row 1 of cable panel, P2, work Row 1 of cable panel, P2, K to end.

Row 2 P6 (8: 10: 13: 16), K2, work Row 2 of cable panel, K2, work Row 2 of cable panel, work Row 2 of diamond stitch, working the 16-st rep 3 times, work Row 2 of cable panel, K2, work Row 2 of cable panel, K2, P to end.

Rows 1 and 2 set pattern for rev st st, cable panel and diamond stitch.

Cont as set, working through Rows 3 to 6 of cable and Rows 3 to 16 of diamond stitch, then repeating Cable Rows 1 to 6 and diamond stitch Rows 1 to 16 throughout until work measures 20 (21.5: 23: 26: 28)cm, ending with a WS row.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	6yrs	8yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	53	56	58.5	63.5	65.5
	in	20¾	22	23	25	26½
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	61	65	68	74	79
	in	24¾	26¼	27½	30	32
LENGTH	cm	34	36	38	42	46
	in	13½	14¼	15	16½	18
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	16	19.5	22	26	29
	in	6¼	7¾	8¾	10¼	11½
YARN		Bergère de France Ecoton (DK, 50g/130m)				
Indigo (28940)		3	4	5	5	6

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SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 3 (5: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[84 (84: 86: 90: 96) sts]
Work 1 row.

AGE 3 ONLY

K1, k3tog, patt to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1.
[4 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

ALL SIZES

****Dec row A** K1, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows a further 0 (1: 1: 1: 2) times. [0 (2: 2: 2: 4) sts dec'd]

Dec row B K1, k3tog, patt to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1. [4 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

Rep from ** a further 7 (4: 5: 5: 4) times. [36 (40: 38: 42: 46) sts]

Rep dec row A every RS row a further 4 (5: 4: 5: 5) times.
[28 (30: 30: 32: 36) sts]

Work 1 row
Cast off.

FRONT

Work the same as Back up to 'shape raglan'.

SHAPE RAGLAN AND NECK

Cast off 3 (5: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next 6 (2: 2: 2: 2) rows.
[72 (84: 86: 90: 96) sts]

Dec at each end of next and every alt row as for Back as folls:

Rep dec row B every RS row 9 (12: 11: 10: 6) times, ending on a WS row. [36 (36: 42: 50: 72) sts]

AGE 2 ONLY

Next row K1, k3tog, patt 7 (-: -: -: -), **cast off** next 14 (-: -: -: -) sts, work to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1. [9 (-: -: -: -) sts rem for each side]

Cont to work back and forth in rows as follows:

Work 1 WS row.

Next row **Cast off** 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

With WS facing rejoin yarn to rem 9 sts for left front side of neck.

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 3 sts, work to end. [6 sts]

Next row K1, k3tog, patt to end. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

AGE 3 ONLY

Next row K1, k3tog, patt - (6: -: -: -), **cast off** next - (16: -: -: -) sts, work to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1. [- (8: -: -: -) sts rem for each side]

Cont to work back and forth in rows as follows:

Work 1 WS row.

Next row **Cast off** 3 sts, work to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

With WS facing rejoin yarn to rem 8 sts for left front side of neck.

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 3 sts, work to end. [5 sts]

Next row K1, k2tog, patt to end. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

AGES 4, 6 AND 8 ONLY

Rep dec row A. [2 sts dec'd]

Work 1 row.

Rep dec row B. [4 sts dec'd]

Work 1 row.

Rep last 4 rows a further - (-: 0: 1: 4) times.

[- (-: 36: 38: 42) sts]

Next row K1, k2tog, patt 7, **cast off** next - (-: 16: 18: 22) sts, work to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [9 sts rem for each side]

Cont to work back and forth in rows as follows:

Work 1 WS row.

Next row **Cast off** 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, sk2po, K1. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

With WS facing rejoin yarn to rem 9 sts for left front side of neck.

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 3 sts, work to end. [6 sts]

Next row K1, k3tog, patt to end. [4 sts]

Work 1 WS row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Cast on 49 (51: 51: 53: 55) sts using 3mm needles.

Work 10 rows in rib as for Back, increasing 1 st on the final row.

[50 (52: 52: 54: 56) sts]

Change to 3.5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) P8 (9: 9: 10: 11) sts, work 34 sts in diamond stitch, P to end.

Row 2 (WS) K8 (9: 9: 10: 11) sts, work 34 sts in diamond stitch, K to end.

Rows 1 and 2 set pattern for rev st st and diamond stitch.

Cont as set, working through Rows 3 to 34 of diamond stitch, then repeating Rows 19 to 34 throughout until work measures 6cm, ending with a WS row.

Inc row (RS) Patt 2, M1, patt to last 2 sts, M1, patt 2. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep inc row every foll 6th (8th: 8th: 8th: 8th) row 3 (2: 3: 5: 6) times, then on every 4th (6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row 2 (3: 3: 2: 2) times.

[62 (64: 66: 70: 74) sts]

Continue in patt without increases until work measures 16 (19.5: 22: 26: 29)cm ending with a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 3 (5: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[56 (54: 54: 56: 60) sts]

AGE 2 ONLY

Work 2 rows.

Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, skpo, K1.

[2 sts dec'd]

Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows a further 18 times. [18 sts]

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.



AGES 3, 4, 6 AND 8 ONLY

**** Next row** (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows twice more. [4 sts dec'd]

Work 2 rows.
Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

Rep from ** a further - (2: 3: 3: 3) times. [- (30: 22: 24: 28) sts]

Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, skpo, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows a further - (5: 1: 2: 4) times. [18 sts]

ALL SIZES

Cast off 7 sts, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [10 sts]
Work 1 row.
Cast off 2 sts, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [3 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows once more
Cast off rem 4 sts.

LEFT SLEEVE

Work as for Right Sleeve up to 'shape raglan'.

Cast off 3 (5: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next row, work to last 3 (5: 6: 7: 7) sts, **cast off** rem sts. [56 (54: 54: 56: 60) sts]

Next row (WS) Rejoin yarn and **cast on** 5 sts for raglan border, knit across these sts, patt to end. [61 (59: 59: 61: 65) sts]

AGE 2 ONLY

Work 2 rows in patt and garter st as set.
Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 7 sts, skpo, K5. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row K5, patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows a further 18 times. [23 sts]

AGES 3, 4, 6 AND 8 ONLY

**** Next row** (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 7 sts, skpo, K5. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row K5, patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows twice more. [4 sts dec'd]

Work 2 rows in patt and garter st as set.
Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 7 sts, skpo, K5. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row K5, patt to end.

Rep from ** a further - (2: 3: 3: 3) times. [- (35: 27: 29: 33) sts]

Next row (RS dec) K1, k2tog, patt to last 7 sts, skpo, K5. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows a further - (5: 1: 2: 4) times. [23 sts]

ALL SIZES

Next row K1, k2tog, patt to end. [22 sts]
Cast off 12 sts, patt to end. [10 sts]
Next row K1, k2tog, patt to end. [9 sts]
Cast off 2 sts, patt to end. [7 sts]
Next row K1, k2tog, patt to end. [6 sts]
Cast off 2 sts, patt to end. [4 sts]
Cast off rem 4 sts.

NECKBAND

Cast on 85 (89: 89: 93: 97) sts using 3mm needles.
Work 10 rows in rib as for Back.
Leave sts on a spare needle.

FINISHING

FRONT RAGLAN BORDER

With RS facing, along the left front raglan edge (see red line on diagram) using a 3mm needle, pick up and knit 33 (35: 37: 39: 41) sts. Work 6 rows in st st.

Cast off.

Leave this raglan just worked open and join the remaining raglans.

Using Kitchener stitch (see page 67) graft the neckband around the neck edge, starting at the edge of the garter stitch raglan border and finishing before the front raglan border. (See grafting a border at bergeredefrance.com/learn-knit-crochet.)

Fold the front raglan border to the WS of work and hem into place. Sew the side and Sleeve seams. Sew on 4 press studs at regular intervals along the raglan borders. On the right front sew on 1 button above each press stud. Secure and weave in all ends. 🧶

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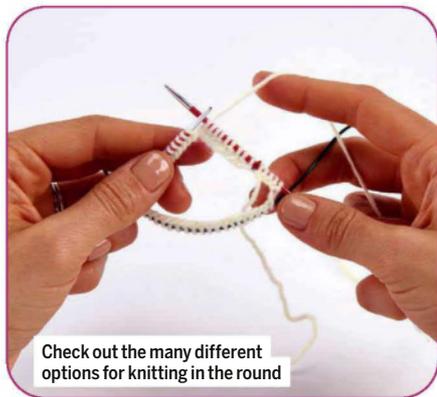
New expert and knitting super-fan, Cory likes to delve into the toughest of knitting conundrums.



Sophie Jordan
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Passionate about colour combinations and Fair Isle, Sophie has 40 knitting years under her belt.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Check out the many different options for knitting in the round

JOINING IN THE ROUND

Q A lot of patterns start by saying 'join to work in the round' but there's no explanation for how to do this! If I just put the ends of the stitches together there's always a gap and it looks messy. Is there a way I can make this neater?

Fiona Sims

When we join to work in the round, we are joining the two ends of our knitting together. Knitting straight from the last stitch to the first is the easiest way to join in the round but that join can often be a little loose. There are a couple of ways to neaten up the join, the simplest way is to tightly knit that first stitch so that the join has less loose yarn to create a gap, you can also use the tail of yarn from your cast on to neaten it up when you

weave it in. If you want to take it further, my favourite way to join work in the round is to cast on one extra stitch and slip the first stitch from my cast on over to my right-hand needle and pull the last 'extra' cast on stitch over and off the needle so it hugs the base of that stitch, pull it nice and tight and start knitting from there. **Kirstie**

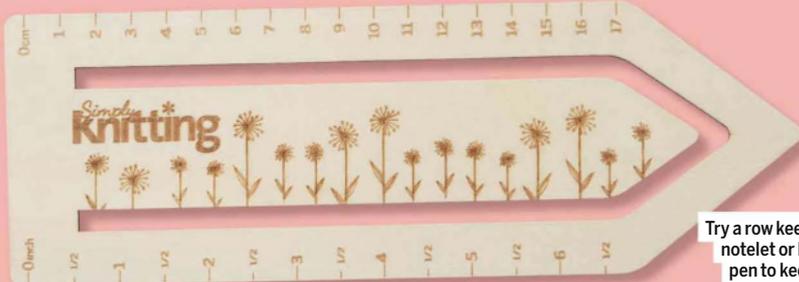


CHART TRACKER

Q I'm knitting a pattern with a large chart and I just can't keep track of where I am. I look at my knitting and then back to my chart and it takes me ages to find where I left off. Do you have any advice to make following a chart easier?

Claudia Knott

I've felt the same as you on many occasions even when following a pattern without a chart! I have picked up a few tips and tricks along the way, see if any of these could work for you. There are some great magnetic rulers, chart keepers or row keepers you can buy which help to hold your chart in place and you move the ruler up as work through



Try a row keeper, sticky notelet or highlighter pen to keep on track

the chart keeping track of where you are. A more budget-friendly way to do this is to either simply cross through each line as you complete it or, if you want to reuse the pattern, or be able to see the previous rows,

you could do this by putting the pattern in a punch pocket and using a wipeable pen. Similarly, you could use a post-it note you can move as you go through the pattern.

Sophie

STASHBUSTING IDEAS

Q Whenever I finish a larger project I often have one or two balls of wool left over but nothing to make with them. I now have lots of odd balls of wool. Any suggestions of what to do with them?

A Taylor Woode

It can be difficult to buy just the right amount of wool and we often end up with some extra. I have some ideas to help you get creative with those odd balls of wool. There are lots of one-ball projects for you to use the yarns on their own: hats, mittens, small bags and other accessories. It's just a matter of looking at what you have and seeing if you can find a pattern which uses the same weight yarn and with a similar fibre content. If you have lots of yarn of the same weight (such as DK or aran) you could combine them in a colourwork or striped project. There are lots of striped blanket and jumper patterns out there but you can always add stripes to anything! You could get more adventurous and combine different weights and colours of yarn together to create a thicker yarn which also provides opportunities to play with colour and texture. This also helps your yarn to go further, by combining separate balls together. **Cory**



Choose a project with lots of colours to use up your left over single balls of yarn



Stripes are always a good way to use up odd yarn balls



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KITCHENER STITCH MASTERCLASS

Jen Bartlett explains this common grafting technique

Kitchener stitch, or grafting, is used to join live stitches together seamlessly, and is typically used to close sock toes

1 When you are ready to graft, distribute an equal number of stitches across two needles, with wrong sides facing and yarn to the right. The working yarn should be coming from the last stitch on the back needle. Cut the yarn, leaving a tail that's long enough to work one row of knitting, with a little extra. Thread this onto a tapestry needle.

2 Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to purl. Draw the yarn through.

3 Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to knit. Draw the yarn through.

4 *Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch on the front needle as if to knit, drop this stitch off the needle and draw the yarn through.

5 Insert your sewing needle through the next stitch on the front needle as if to purl, leaving this stitch on the needle, and draw the yarn through.

6 Insert your sewing needle through the first stitch on the back needle as if to purl, drop this stitch off the needle and draw the yarn through.

7 Insert your sewing needle through the next stitch on the back needle as if to knit, leaving this stitch on the needle, and draw the yarn through.*

8 Repeat Steps 4 – 7 (from * to *) across the live stitches until they all are grafted together, keeping your tension as even as possible.

When you have two stitches remaining, you'll need to repeat Step 4 and then Step 6 to bring them off the needles.

While working this technique it can help to say to yourself, "knit, purl, purl, knit" to keep yourself on track.



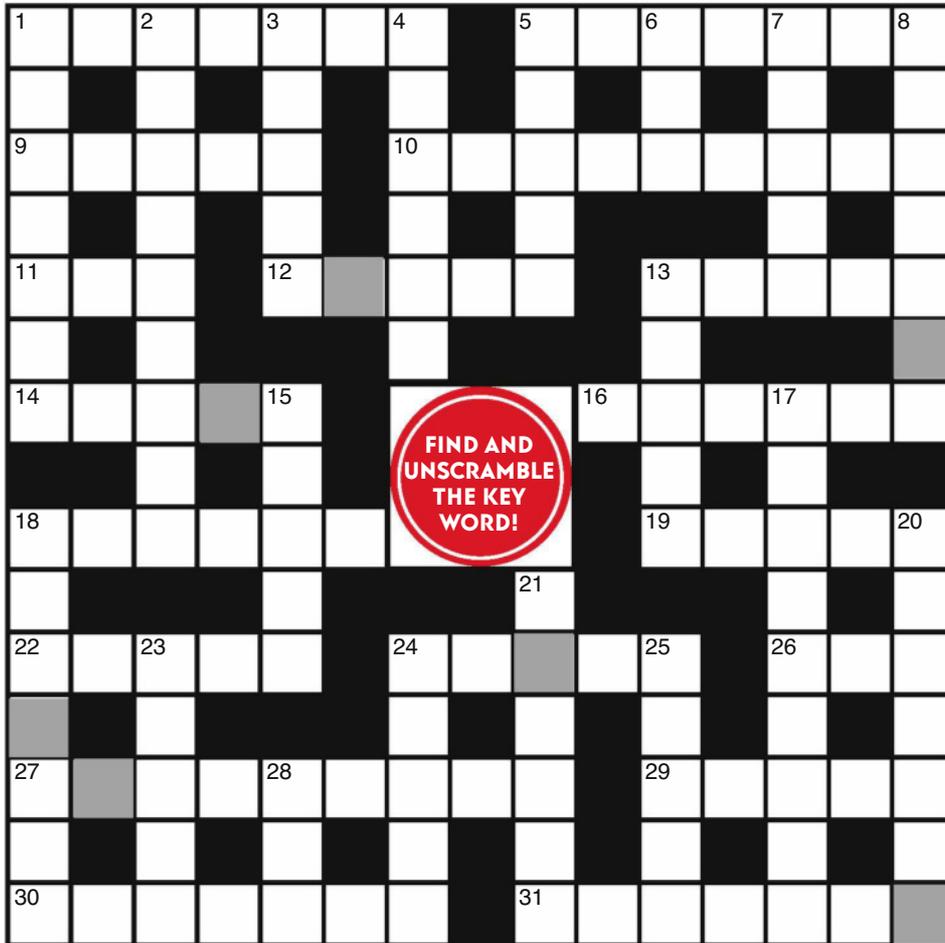


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Pop the kettle on and take a moment to relax with our puzzles this month – it's just for fun!



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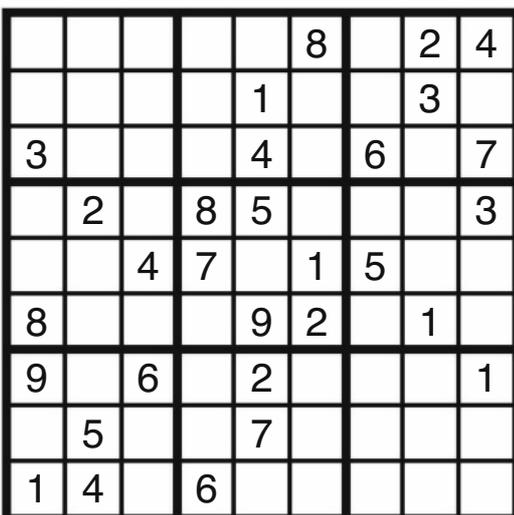
ACROSS

- 1 --- pie, mince and potato dish (7)
- 5 Versatile yarn made from synthetic fibre (7)
- 9 Improvise (2,3)
- 10 Unconventional and slightly strange (9)
- 11 Unit used to measure duvet weight (3)
- 12 Power (5)
- 13 Coach (5)
- 14 Traditional Sunday lunch (5)
- 16 Shiny and smooth (6)
- 18 Yarn made from Angora goat's hair (9)
- 19 Fuzzy fruit? (5)
- 22 Foot coverings? (5)
- 24 Long and loose top or dress (5)
- 26 Paddle (3)
- 27 Emergency vehicle (9)
- 29 Type of tree (5)
- 30 Royal title (7)
- 31 Stylish (7)

DOWN

- 1 Section of a book (7)
- 2 *The* ---, broadsheet newspaper (9)
- 3 Collection of songs (5)
- 4 Stamina (6)
- 5 Royal racecourse (5)
- 6 Sprint (3)
- 7 Early stage of a mosquito's life (5)
- 8 Native of East London (7)
- 13 Flower associated with Holland (5)
- 15 Two babies born from one pregnancy (5)
- 17 *EastEnders, Emmerdale*, eg. (4,5)
- 18 Hot condiment (7)
- 20 Protective headwear (4,3)
- 21 Cold symptom (6)
- 23 Unit of measurement for volume (5)
- 24 Hair-curling tool (5)
- 25 Stitches resembling twisted rope (5)
- 28 Untruth (3)

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Across 1 Cottage, 5 Acrylic, 9 Ad lib, 10 Eccentric, 11 Tog, 12 MIGHT, 13 Train, 14 Roast, 16 Glossy, 18 Mohair, 19 Peach, 22 Socks, 24 Tunic, 26 Oar, 27 Ambulance, 29 Beech, 30 Duchess, 31 Elegant.
Down 1 Chapter, 2 Telegraph, 3 Album, 4 Energy, 5 Ascot, 6 Run, 7 Larva, 8 Cockney, 13 Tulip, 15 Twins, 17 Soap Opera, 18 Mustard, 20 Hard hat, 21 Sneeze, 23 Cubic, 24 Tong, 25 Cable, 28 Lie.

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PERFECT
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SOFT SPOTS

Add some big cat décor to your sofa this winter with this knitted cushion complete with leopard-print design. By **Jane Burns**

* COLOURWORK CUSHION



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Oatmeal (3064)
- Yarn B** Anthracite Grey (3002)
- Yarn C** Vintage Peach (3428)
- A 3.5mm circular needle, 80cm long
- A 4mm circular needle, 80cm long
- A set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Darning needle
- Cushion pad, 42x42cm
- 35cm zip (optional)

TENSION

24 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over charted pattern using 4mm needles

24 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

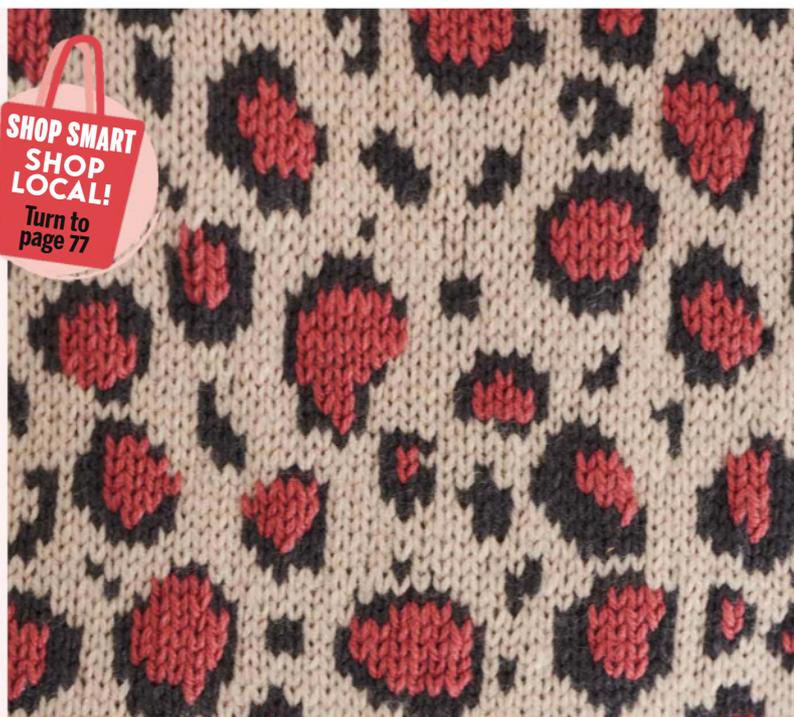
40x40cm (15½x15½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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COLOURWORK CUSHION

Note Uses stranded colourwork. You could Swiss darn the Yarn C spots to give them some dimension and make the stranded knitting simpler.

FRONT

Cast on 96 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

COMMENCE WORKING FROM CHART

Work Row 1 from Chart, repeating Chart twice across the row.

Work Rows 2 to 50 from Chart.

Repeat Rows 1 to 50 from Chart until piece measures 40cm from cast-on edge.

Next row Using Yarn A, Knit.

Cast off.

BACK

Cast on 96 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Beg with a knit row, work in st st until piece measures 40cm from cast-on edge.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Sew Front and Back panels together leaving the bottom edge open, insert cushion and sew closed. If you are inserting a zip, do so here.

I-CORD PIPING

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm DPNs and Yarn B.

***Row 1** Knit, DO NOT TURN.

Slide sts to other end of needle; rep from * until i-cord measures 166cm long.

Slide sts onto holder.

FINISHING

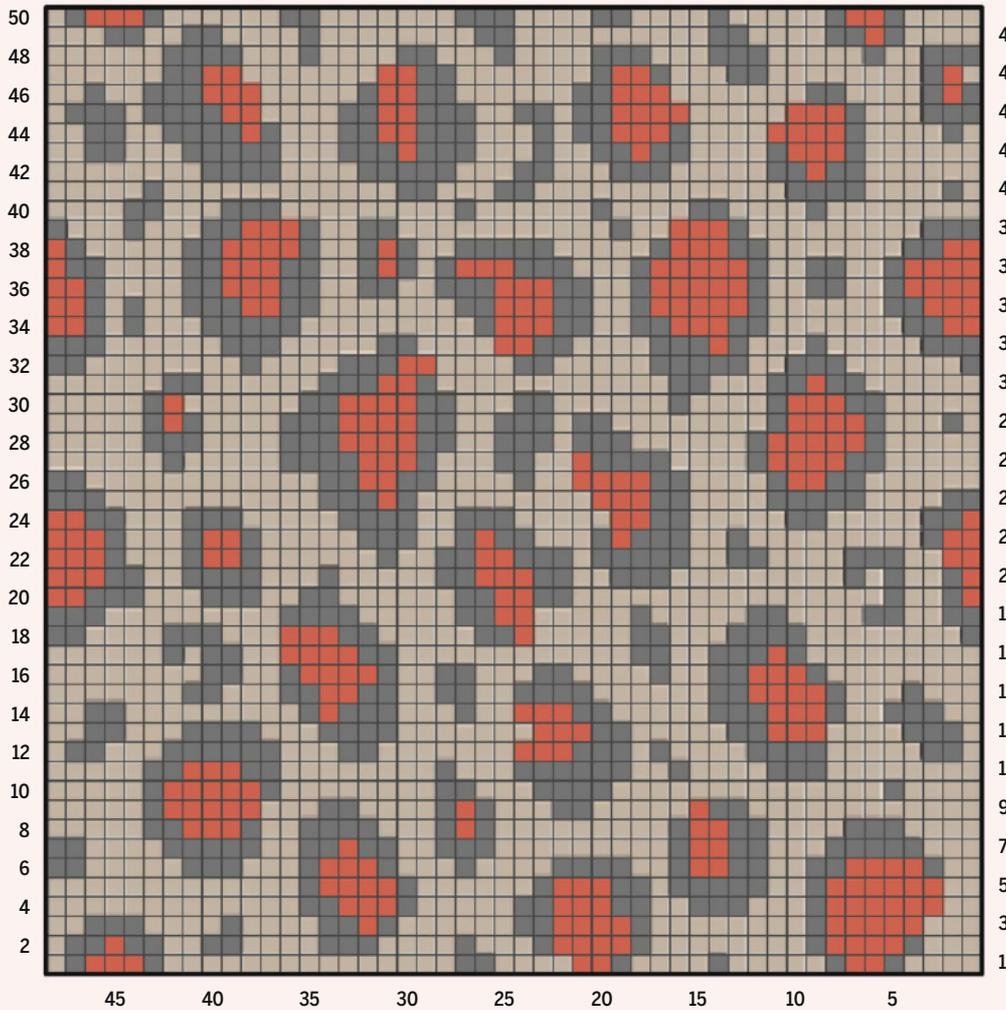
Starting in a corner, pin the i-cord around the edge of the cushion and sew in place, the end stitches are left on a holder so that you can adjust the length of the i-cord if necessary. Sew ends of i-cord together. ●

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SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



CHART



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

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- K on RS; P on WS

STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO KNIT FAIR ISLE



1 These images show what happens to the yarn that you carry over on the wrong side of the work. Work a stitch in the first colour as usual. To change colour, hold the working yarn out of the way and position the new colour ready to work the next stitch.



2 Work the next stitch in the new colour as normal. Make sure you don't pull the yarn too tight by keeping the stitches on the right-hand needle spread out.



3 To change back to the original colour, work Steps 1 and 2 again.



4 A completed row shows the yarn 'floats' carried across the back of the work.

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A gently textured stitch pattern in a soft alpaca wraps you up warmly when you cast on this cardi by **Sarah Hatton**

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	14-16	18-20	22-24	26-28
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST	cm	97.5	107.5	117.5	127.5	137.5	147.5
	in	38½	42¼	46¼	50¼	54¼	58
LENGTH	cm	53.5	56	58	59.5	61	63.5
	in	21	22	22¾	23½	24	25
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	27	27	28	28	29	29
	in	10¾	10¾	11	11	11½	11½
YARN		Rowan Alpaca Classic (DK, 25g/120m)					
Berry Sorbet (125)		8	9	10	11	12	13

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

KNITTING WITH ALPACA

Alpaca yarn can be delicate, so when washing your finished project, always hand wash with a mild detergent in cool water. Avoid wringing or twisting your work, as this could distort the shape. Lay flat to dry and block to get the best results.



"There's something especially lovely about a garment knitted in a yarn that includes alpaca. Alpaca changes a garment's drape and weight, adding a luxurious feel..."

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD

Dec 1 st as set at each end of 23 (26: 28: 25: 24: 23) foll RS rows.

[42 (42: 44: 44: 48: 48) sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.

Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 57 (61: 69: 73: 81: 85) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Work 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 7)cm in rib as set on Back, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row Rib to end, dec 1 (0: 1: 0: 1: 0) st and inc 0 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1) st at end of row. [56 (62: 68: 74: 80: 86) sts]

Change to 3.75mm needles and beg with a K row, work in st st throughout until work meas 28 (28: 28: 29: 30: 31)cm, ending with RS facing for next row. **

Next row (RS) K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [1 st dec'd]

This row sets front neck shaping.

Decrease at neck edge as set on on 2 foll 6th rows.

Work 4 rows without shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

[53 (59: 65: 71: 77: 83) sts]

SHAPE RAGLAN AND FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [44 (49: 54: 59: 64: 69) sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K2, k2togtbl, K to end. [1 raglan st dec'd]

Next row P to last 4 sts, p2togtbl, P2. [1 raglan st dec'd]

Dec 1 st at raglan edge of next 6 (8: 10: 18: 22: 28) rows, and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of 3rd row and 0 (0: 1: 2: 3: 4) foll – (-: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) rows. [35 (38: 40: 36: 36: 34) sts]

Dec 1 st as set at raglan edge of next row and every foll RS row and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of 3rd (1st: 5th: 3rd: 5th: 5th) and 0 (3: 3: 1: 0: 4) foll – (6th: 6th: 6th: -: 6th) rows then on every foll 6th (8th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 8th) row to 4 sts.

Next row Purl.

Leave rem sts on a stitch holder or piece of scrap yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for Left Front to **.

Next row (RS) K2, k2togtbl, knit to end. [1 st dec'd]

This row sets front neck shaping.

Decrease at neck edge as set on on 3 foll 6th rows.

[52 (58: 64: 70: 76: 82) sts]

SHAPE RAGLAN AND FRONT NECK

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts, P to end.

[44 (49: 54: 59: 64: 69) sts]

Next row K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [1 raglan st dec'd]

Next row P2, p2tog, P to end. [1 raglan st dec'd]

Dec 1 st at raglan edge of next 6 (8: 10: 18: 22: 28) and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of 3rd row and 0 (0: 1: 2: 3: 4) foll – (-: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) rows. [35 (38: 40: 36: 36: 34) sts.]

Dec 1 st as set at raglan edge of next and every foll RS row and AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of 3rd (1st: 5th: 3rd: 5th: 5th) and 0 (3: 3: 1: 0: 4) foll – (6th: 6th: 6th: -: 6th) rows then on every foll 6th (8th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 8th) row to 4 sts.

Next row Purl.

Leave rem sts on a stitch holder or piece of scrap yarn.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 49 (51: 53: 55: 57: 59) sts using 3.25mm needles.

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

Row 2 (WS) *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, P1.

Rep last 2 rows until work meas 4cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row Rib 7 (3: 5: 5: 7: 7), M1, [rib 5 (5: 4: 5: 4: 5), M1] 7 (9: 11: 9: 11: 9) times, rib to end. [57 (61: 65: 65: 69: 69) sts]

Change to 3.75mm needles.

Working 20-row rep as set on Chart, and bringing new sts into pattern, inc 1 st at each end of 5th and 1 (4: 9: 15: 2: 6) foll 4th (4th: 4th: 4th: 2nd: 2nd) rows then on every foll 6th (6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th) row to 81 (87: 95: 99: 105: 111) sts.

Cont as set without shaping until Sleeve meas 27 (27: 28: 28: 29: 29)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[65 (69: 75: 77: 81: 85) sts]

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

Keeping 3 sts at each end in st st throughout, dec 1 st at each end of 7 (8: 9: 10: 9: 9) foll 4th rows then on every foll RS row to 19 sts.

Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

Leave rem sts on a stitch holder or piece of scrap yarn.

MAKING UP

Join raglan seams.

BUTTONBAND

With RS facing, and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 75 (75: 75: 78: 81: 84) sts up Right Front edge to start of neck shaping, 48 (53: 59: 61: 66: 68) sts up right neck edge, K3 from Right Front holder, k last st from Right Front and first st of Sleeve together, K18 sts from Sleeve holder, pick up and knit 42 (42: 44: 44: 48: 48) from Back neck, K18 from Sleeve holder, k last st of Sleeve holder with first st from Left Front holder together, K3 from Left Front holder, pick up and knit 49 (52: 60: 60: 65: 69) sts down left neck edge and 75 (75: 75: 78: 81: 84) sts down Left Front edge. [333 (341: 357: 365: 385: 397) sts]

Beg with 2nd row, working 3 rows in rib as set on Back.



Next row Rib 4, [cast off 3 sts, rib 12 (12: 12: 13: 14: 14)] 4 times, cast off 3 sts, rib to end.

Next row Rib to end, cast on 3 sts over each gap created by casting off on previous row.

Work 4 rows in rib.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Pin out to measurements given above, cover with damp cloths and leave until dry. ●

STEP-BY-STEP P2TOG PURL TWO TOGETHER



1 Push the point of your right-hand needle through the first two stitches on your left-hand needle, going from right to left as you would for a purl stitch.



2 Bring yarn anti-clockwise around the needle, between the two needles.



3 Pull the yarn through both stitches, as you would when working a purl stitch, and drop both stitches from the left-hand needle.



4 Purling two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series looks on the right side of stocking stitch.

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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches to 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 around 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. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

THUMB CAST-ON METHOD A great all rounder, use it to cast on stitches quickly and easily



1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



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.

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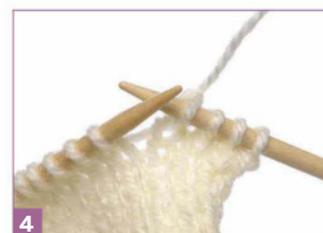
1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



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.

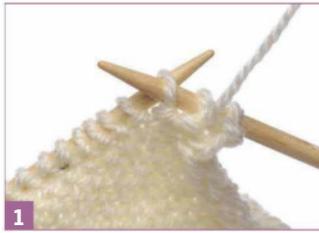


3 Bring the right-hand needle down through the loop, making sure that you catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



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 created one knit stitch. Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

PURL To make purl stitches, just reverse the action of plain knit stitches



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 up 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 a little further through the stitch, pull the original loop up and off the left-hand needle. That's your first purl stitch! Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

CAST OFF Finish off your knitting with this straightforward cast-off technique



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 to 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.

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop (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)
MB make a bobble
mrk marker
P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop (purlwise) by purling the stitch
pwise remain/remaining
rem repeat(s)
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog
dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over

(2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together
w&t (wrap and turn) take the yarn to the opposite side of the work between the needles, slip the next st to the right-hand needle, take the yarn back to the other side of the work between the needles, slip the stitch back to the left-hand needle.
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

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13	2.25mm	1
–	2.5mm	–
12	2.75mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	3
–	3.5mm	4
9	3.75mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	8
5	5.5mm	9
4	6mm	10
3	6.5mm	10½
2	7mm	–
1	7.5mm	–
0	8mm	11
00	9mm	13
000	10mm	15
–	12mm	17
–	15mm	19
–	20mm	36
–	25mm	50

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PRETTY POCKET

Make the perfect hiding place for precious things. By **Becca Parker**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Pebble Haze DK (67% cotton, 33% acrylic, 50g/145m)
- 1 ball in Fluorite (2C170)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Stitch marker

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows to measure

10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

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MEASUREMENTS

10x15cm (4x6in)

WHERE TO BUY

- Wool Warehouse
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DRAWSTRING POUCH POUCH

Cast on 48 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Rows 3 to 14 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another six times.

Row 15 For folded hem, fold work in half so cast-on edge is behind needle and work by picking up one st through the cast-on edge and k2tog with one live st. Rep to end. [48 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Change to 4mm DPNs.

Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist the work.

Place stitch marker to mark the beg of the round.

Rounds 17 to 29 Knit.

Round 30 P1, (K5, P1, K1, P1) 5 times, K5, P1, K1.

Round 31 K1, (P1, K3, P1, K3) 5 times, P1, K3, P1, K2.

Round 32 K2, (P1, K1, P1, K5) 5 times, P1, K1, P1, K3.

Round 33 K3, (P1, K7) 5 times, P1, K4.

Round 34 Rep Round 32.

Round 35 Rep Round 31.

Round 36 Rep Round 30.

Rounds 37 to 50 Knit.

Round 51 K2, (k2tog, K4) 7 times, k2tog, K2. [40 sts]

Round 52 and every following alternate row Knit.

Round 53 K2, (k2tog, K3) 7 times, k2tog, K1. [32 sts]

Round 55 K1, (k2tog, K2), 7 times, k2tog, K1. [24 sts]

Round 57 K1, (k2tog, K1), 7 times, k2tog. [16 sts]

Round 59 (K2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

Round 60 Knit.

Cut yarn and thread the rem 8 sts into the yarn tail using a tapestry needle. Pull tight, tie off and weave in ends.

DRAWSTRING

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm DPNs.

Create an i-cord, as follows: K4, *slide sts to the other end of the DPN without turning, pulling yarn firmly behind the work, K4; rep from * until work measures approximately 50cm. Cut yarn and thread through sts, pull tight. Weave in ends.

MAKING UP

Block pouch gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Thread the i-cord into the channel created by the folded hem. ●

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Cosy up this season with six charming accessory patterns for a hat, cowl, mitts and socks

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Toasty designs to make and give!



Try cable mittens



Cast on comfy bed socks


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Whip up a stripy set

Warm Winter ACCESSORIES



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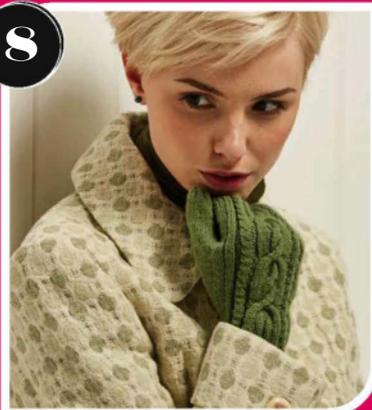
Welcome to our Warm Winter Accessories pattern booklet! As the chill sets in, there's no better time to pick up your knitting needles and create something special. In this book, you'll find six delightful patterns for a cosy hat, stylish cowls, warm mittens and snug socks. Each one crafted to keep you warm while adding a handmade touch to your winter wardrobe. Whether you're a seasoned knitter or just starting out, we hope these patterns inspire you to create beautiful pieces.

Sophie

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TOASTIE TREATS

Craft a beautiful set of handknitted accessories to keep you warm and stylish all season. By **Jennie Atkinson**

**NOT
TOO
tricky!**





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Homespun DK (22% Merino wool, 22% alpaca, 23% polyamide, 23% acrylic, 10% viscose, 50g/175m)

2 balls of each colour makes the whole set

Yarn A Maize (5111)

Yarn B Peony (5102)

Yarn C Autumn Fern (5105)

To make individually

For Hat, Small Cowl

and Mittens

1 ball of each per project

For Large Cowl 1 ball each of Yarns A and C, 2 balls of Yarn B

- A 3.75mm circular needle, 40cm long
- A set of 3.75mm double-pointed needles (DPNs) or a circular needle, 60cm long (for Magic Loop method)
- Pompom maker, 9cm diameter (optional)
- Stitch markers

TENSION

24 sts and 33 rounds to measure 10x10cm

(4x4in) over diagonal rib patt (unblocked) using 3.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Hat

To fit head circumference
56cm (22in)

Actual circumference

approx 40cm (15¾in)

Length (crown to hem)
20.5cm (8in)

Mitts

To fit palm circumference
19cm (7½in)

Actual circumference
17.5cm (7in)

Length 34cm (13½in)

Large Cowl

Actual circumference
67.5cm (26½in)

Depth 40.5cm (16in)

Small Cowl

Actual circumference
45cm (17¾in)

Depth 20.5 (8in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79 in *Simply Knitting* mag

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact King Cole on 01756 703670 or at www.kingcole.com

STRIPED SET

Notes No shaping or sewing is required for any of the pieces, except the bobble on top of the hat.

DIAGONAL RIB PATTERN

Rounds 1 and 2 *P3, K3; rep from * to end.

Rounds 3 and 4 P2, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 4 sts, K3, P1.

Rounds 5 and 6 P1, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 5 sts, K3, P2.

Rounds 7 and 8 *K3, P3; rep from * to end.

Rounds 9 and 10 K2, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 4 sts, P3, K1.

Rounds 11 and 12 K1, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 5 sts, P3, K2.

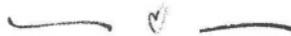
These 12 rounds form pattern. Rep from Round 1.

HAT

Cast on 96 sts using 3.75mm circular needles and Yarn B. Join to work in the round, taking care

"While this stripy set requires you to knit in the round, it has no shaping, making it a quick and easy project to complete."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



not to twist sts and PM to mark beg of round.

Work in rounds in diagonal rib throughout.

Work in Yarn B for 7cm, change to Yarn A for 4 rounds, change to Yarn C for 12cm.

Next round (K2tog) to end. [48 sts]

Pull yarn through and fasten.

POMPOM

Using card or a 9cm pompom maker, use equal amounts of each colour yarn to make a pompom.



SMALL COWL

Cast on 108 sts using 3.75mm circular needles and Yarn C.

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

Work in rounds of diagonal rib throughout.

Work in Yarn C for 7cm, change to Yarn B for 4 rounds, change to Yarn A for 12cm.

Cast off loosely in patt.

LARGE COWL/HOOD

Cast on 162 sts using 3.75mm circular needles and Yarn A. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts and PM to mark beg of round.

Work in rounds of diagonal rib throughout.

Work in Yarn A for 7cm, change to Yarn C for 4 rounds, change to Yarn B for 24cm, change to Yarn C for 4 rounds, change to Yarn A for 7cm.

Cast off loosely in patt.



MITTENS

Cast on 42 sts using 3.75mm DPNs and Yarn B.

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

Work in rounds in diagonal rib.

Work 7cm (23 rounds) in Yarn B, change to Yarn A

and work 4 rounds, change to Yarn C and work 16cm (53 rounds), ending after Round 2 of patt.

THUMB OPENING

Begin to work back and forth in rows to create an opening:

Set-up row (RS) P2, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 4 sts, K3, P1, W&T.

Next row (WS) K1, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 5 sts, P3, K2.

Next row (RS) P1, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 5 sts, K3, P2.

Next row K2, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 4 sts, P3, K1.

* STRIPED SET

- Next 2 rows** *K3, P3; rep from * to end.
Next row K2, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 4 sts, P3, K1.
Next row P1, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 5 sts, K3, P2.
Next row K1, *P3, K3; rep from * to last 5 sts, P3, K2.
Next row P2, *K3, P3; rep from * to last 4 sts, K3, P1.
Next 2 rows *P3, K3; rep from * to end.

Now cont to work in the round, starting with Round 3 of patt.

Cont for another 6cm or to desired length.

Cast off loosely in patt.

Make a second Mitten the same.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Attach pompom to hat. ●

STEP-BY-STEP THUMB CAST-ON METHOD



1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



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.





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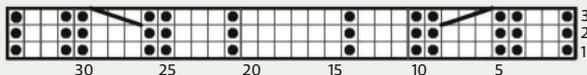
YOU WILL NEED

- Quince & Co Chickadee (sport, 100% wool, 50g/166m)
- 2 skeins of Lichen (126)
- A set of five 2.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- A set of five 3mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Stitch markers

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 A



- A cable needle (cn)
- Waste yarn

TENSION

26 sts and 38 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Hand circumference 19cm (7½in) unstretched
Length 30cm (11¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

C3F Sl2 to cn and place at front of work, K1, then

K2 from cn

C3B Sl1 to cn and place at back of work, K2, then K1 from cn

C6B Sl3 sts onto cn and place at back of work, K3, then K3 from cn

C7F Sl3 sts onto cn and place at front of work, K3, P1, then K3 from cn

C7B Sl4 sts onto cn and place at back of work, K3, then P1, K3 from cn

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WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists visit www.quinceandco.com

KEY

- Knit
- Purl
- K2tog
- SSK



C3B



C3F



C6B



C7B



C7F

MITTENS

CUFF

Cast on 60 sts using 2.5mm needles.

Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

Round 1 Work Row 1 of Chart A for first 34 sts, PM, (K2, P2) to last 2 sts, K2.

Continue working Chart A and (K2, P2) rib, repeating Rows 1 to 3 of Chart until cuff meas approx 8cm, ending on a Row 3 of Chart A.

HAND

Change to 3mm needles.

Rnd 1 Work Row 1 of Chart B on first 34 sts, slm, knit to end of round.

This sets patt for back and palm of hand.

Rnd 2 Work Row 2 of Chart B and st st as Rnd 1.

Next rnd Begin thumb gusset for appropriate hand as foll:

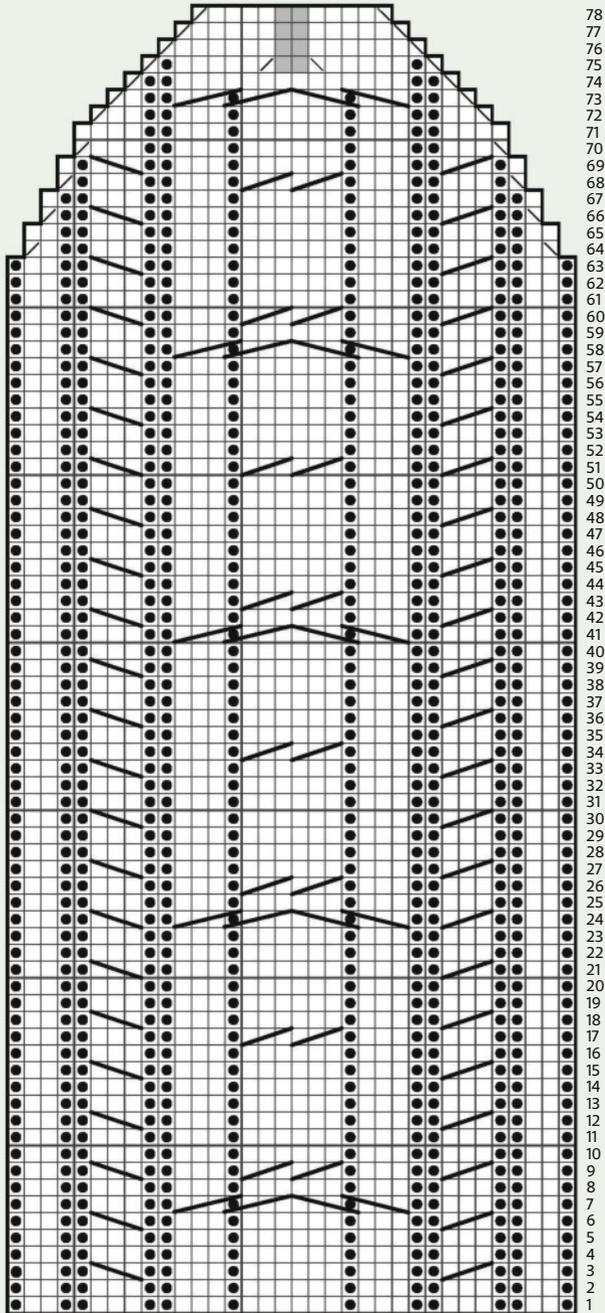
RIGHT MITTEN

Work Chart B, slm, K3, PM, M1, K1, M1, PM, K to end.

CHART B

KEY

-  Knit
-  Purl
-  K2tog
-  SSK
-  C3B
-  C3F
-  C6B
-  C7B
-  C7F



LEFT MITTEN

Work Chart B, s1m, K until there are 4 sts left in the round, PM, M1, K1, M1, PM, K3.

BOTH MITTENS

Next 2 rnds Work in patt with no incs.

Continue in patt, increasing for gusset (s1SM, M1, K to mrk, M1, s1SM) on next and every third rnd until there are 21 sts between markers. (Row 30 of Chart B).

Next rnd Work in patt, knitting across gusset sts, to end of rnd.

Next rnd Work in patt to gusset sts, place gusset sts on waste yarn, removing gusset markers, **cast on** 4 sts over gap left by gusset sts using backwards loop cast-on method, work to end. [63 sts]

Cont to work in patt until Row 63 of Chart B is completed.



DECREASE TOP

Continuing in patt, begin decs at either end of Chart A, starting on Row 64, repeating these decs on either end of palm sts until Row 76 of Chart is completed. (Do not repeat centre Chart A decs at Row 75 when working palm sts.)

Rnd 77 Work in patt across Chart sts, s1SM, K4, k2tog, K5.

Rnd 78 Work in patt across Chart sts, stop knitting at marker.
10 sts each for palm and back.

Place 10 palm sts on one needle and 10 back sts on another. Before grafting, slip the first st of each needle over the 2nd, like a cast-off, turn work and do the same at the other end of needles. This makes for tidier corners at the ends of your grafting. Graft rem sts using Kitchener stitch.

THUMB

Place 21 held thumb sts onto 3 needles. Rejoin yarn, pick up and knit 1 st in gap between held sts and cast-on sts, pick up and knit 2 sts from cast-on sts, pick up and knit 1 st from gap before next needle. Knit around to first gap stitch.
PM for start of rnd. [25 sts]

Next rnd K2tog (gap st and next st), K2, k2tog, knit to end of rnd. [23 sts]
Knit 1 rnd.

Next rnd K4, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before end, k2tog. [21 sts]

Cont in st st until work meas approx 1cm before end of your thumb.

Next rnd (K1, k2tog) to end. [14 sts]

Next rnd K2tog to end. [7 sts]

Break yarn, thread onto a tapestry needle and draw up through rem sts. Fasten off. Weave in any ends.

Block gently, following any yarn care instructions on the skein label. 

SIMPLE STITCHES

Enjoy the soothing rhythm of knitting with **Katya Frankel's** plain stocking stitch socks, perfect for warming toes at bedtime

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Sirdar Click Chunky with Wool (70% acrylic, 30% wool, 50g/75m)
- 3 balls of Bloom (0146)
- ☐ 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

21 (23: 25.5)cm [8½ (9¼: 10)in] circumference and 40.5cm (16in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

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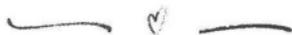
WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or www.sirdar.com



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BED SOCKS

CUFF

Cast on 40 (44: 48) stitches using 4mm DPNs.

Work K2, P2 rib for 4 rows.

Join for working in the round.

Distribute stitches over 4 DPNs as follows: 10 (11: 12) stitches on each needle. Bring the ends of the knitting together forming a round and continue working in the round from here on. Take care not to twist your knitting.

Continue working in rib pattern as established until ribbing measures 4.5cm from cast-on edge. Change to st st and knit every round until sock measures 35.5cm from cast-on.

TOE

The toe is worked by decreasing one stitch at the end of each needle, on every other round at first and then on every round until there are two stitches left on each needle. This creates a dome-shaped toe that is comfortable to wear and easy to make. The toe adds about 5cm to the length of the sock, so keep this in mind if you would like to adjust the length of the sock.

Decrease round Knit to 2 stitches before the end of needle 1, k2tog; repeat this step across needle 2, needle 3, and needle 4. [4 sts dec] Knit one round.

Repeat these two rounds 3 more times.

[24 (28: 32) sts]

* BED SOCKS

Now work the decrease round every round until there 2 stitches left on each needle. [8 sts]

MAKING UP

- 1 Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Using a darning needle pull this tail through remaining stitches and secure on the wrong side of the knitting.
- 2 Sew the top of the ribbing together. Weave in all ends.
- 3 To block, wet the socks thoroughly and squeeze the water out by rolling the socks in a

towel. Lay flat to dry.

To wash, leave socks in a wool wash solution for 10 minutes; wash gently without agitating too much; rinse and follow the blocking instructions above to complete washing. 

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.





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