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Kirstie McLeod,
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February brings the warmth of Valentine's Day, and this month we've packed the pages of *Simply Knitting* with patterns to make your heart skip a stitch. On the cover, our **Beatles Love Me Do jumper** celebrates love in classic style – a perfect nod to romance and nostalgia. For whimsical fun, try our **Moomin socks** and the utterly charming **Clarissa and Dougie, a cuddly cow and sheep duo**. For little ones, we've got a kids' **monster hat and mittens** set to keep the cold at bay and a sweet **lace and cable cardigan** – equal parts cosy and chic. And for your home, try our **hanging hearts** to spread the love year-round.



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Kirstie, Sophie, Nicola,
Camilla, Jennifer and Cory



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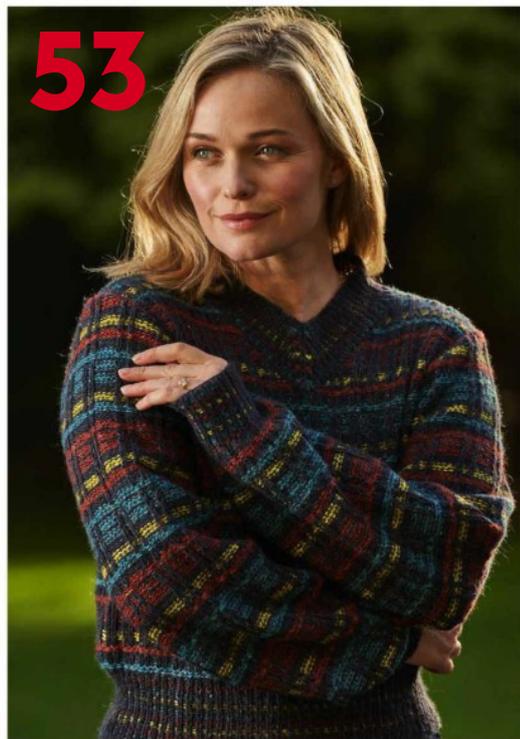
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Dainty heart

Cosy winter set

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Mother's Day knits pattern book

Celebrate the love and warmth of Mother's Day with this charming collection of knitted creations. Inside, you'll find a delightful mama and baba doll, a vibrant pansy brooch, a cosy rainbow cowl and mittens set, and a beautiful Fair Isle bag.



+ Exclusive pattern from Rowan

Discover ultimate comfort and style with our exclusive Rowan-designed tartan pattern in the next issue! This boxy design is soft and fluffy blending classic tartan with a modern twist. It's perfect for cosying up this season. Don't miss out on this must-knit piece!



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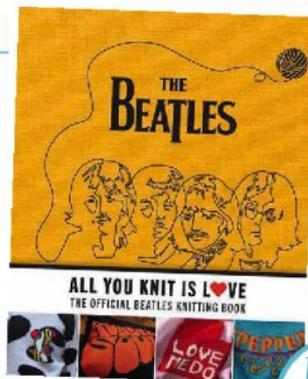


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Beatles Pattern book

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Studio Lowen's Notions Pouches

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Knit Moomin socks on p25!

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TWIST AND PURL

We've plucked this super-fun knit from a brand new Beatles knitting book, just for you. Cast on for your dearest this Valentine's Day. By **Siân Brown**



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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Air (aran, 65% alpaca, 28% polyamide, 7% wool, 150m/50g)
- DROPS Nepal (aran, 65% wool, 35% alpaca, 50g/75m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 4.5mm needles
- A pair of 5mm needles
- 2 Stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

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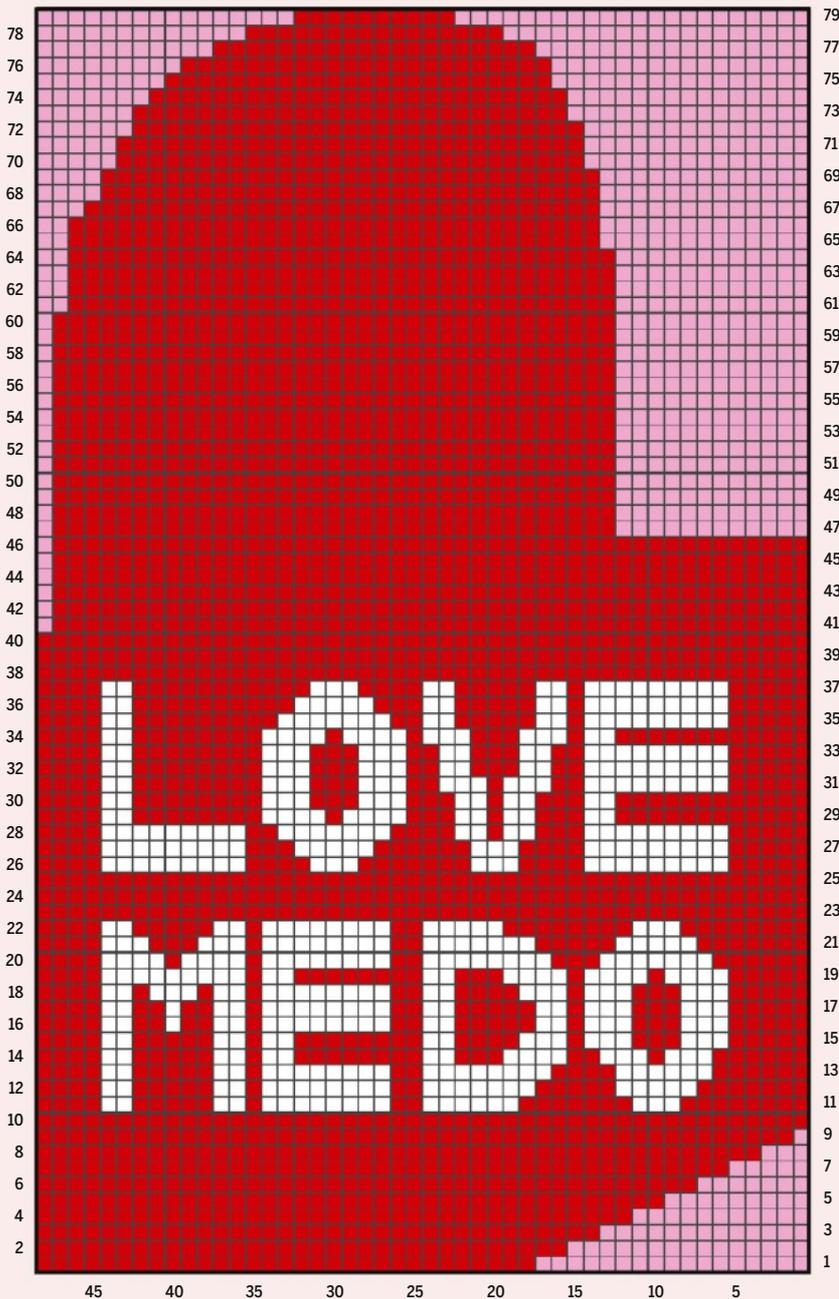
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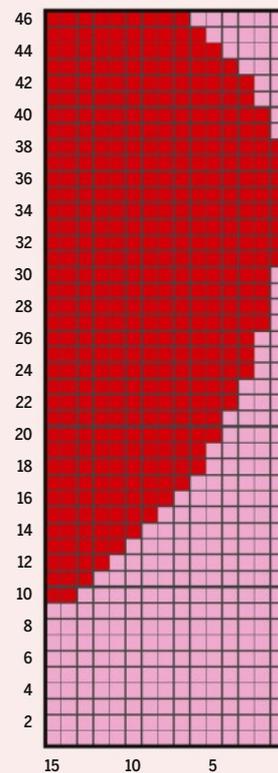
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- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C



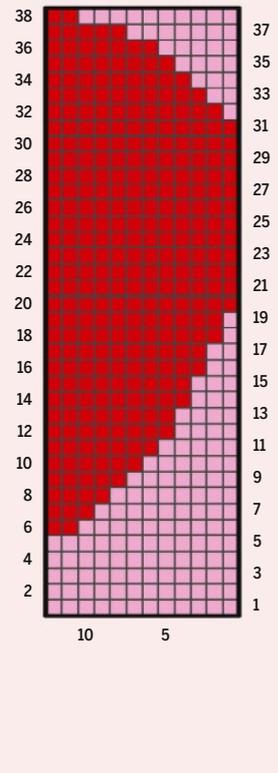
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

BACK CHART 3



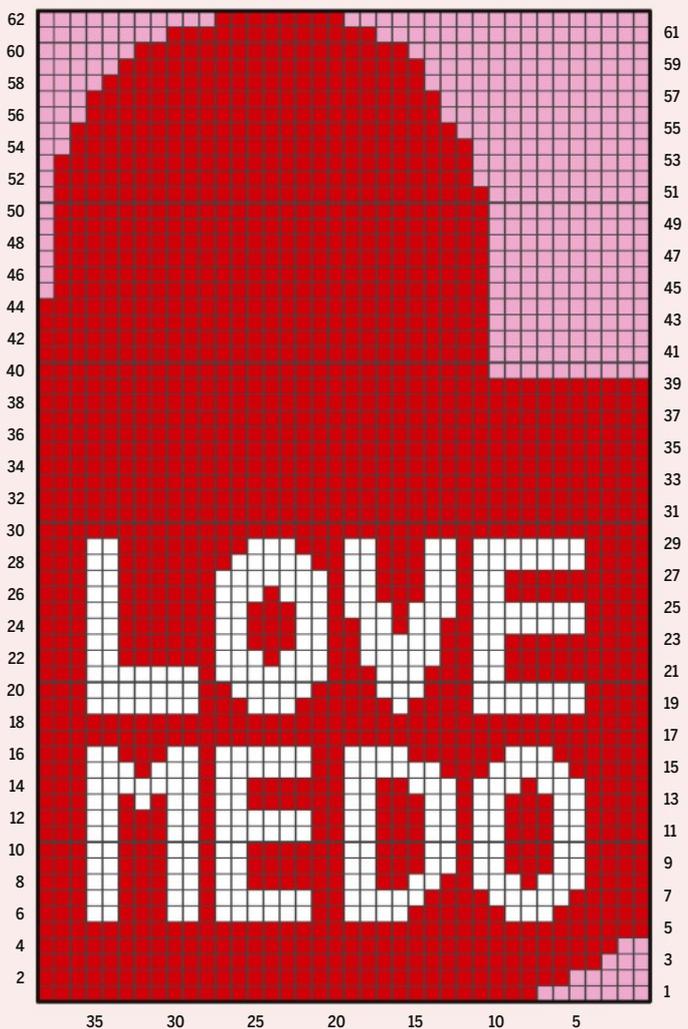
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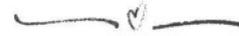
| SIZE | | XS | S | M | L | 1XL | 2XL | 3XL | 4XL |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| TO FIT BUST | cm | 76-81 | 86-91 | 97-102 | 107-112 | 117-122 | 127-137 | 142-147 | 152-157 |
| | in | 30-32 | 34-36 | 38-40 | 42-44 | 46-48 | 50-54 | 56-58 | 60-62 |
| ACTUAL BUST | cm | 102 | 112 | 123 | 134 | 144 | 155 | 166 | 176 |
| | in | 40¼ | 44 | 48½ | 52¾ | 56¾ | 61 | 65¼ | 69¼ |
| LENGTH | cm | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 |
| | in | 24 | 24½ | 24¾ | 25¼ | 25½ | 26 | 26½ | 26¾ |
| SLEEVE LENGTH | cm | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| | in | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| YARN | DROPS Air (aran, 50g/150m) | | | | | | | | |
| Yarn A Pink (24) | | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 |
| YARN | DROPS Nepal (aran, 50g/75m) | | | | | | | | |
| Yarn B Red (3620) | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Yarn C Off-White (100) | | 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


FRONT CHART 2


"Beatles fans will love the bold statement this fun jumper makes. Team SK love a pink and red colour combination, so I think we'll all be casting on this exciting knit!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR


BEATLES JUMPER

Note The heart motif wraps around the body, try to create a neat seam between the Front and Back to keep it intact. Use the intarsia technique to work heart and lettering. Wind balls of the colours and twist yarns around each other where they join to avoid holes.

BACK

Cast on 86 (94: 102: 114: 122: 130: 138: 150) sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row 1 K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

Rib row 2 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep these 2 rows 4 more times, inc 1 (2: 3: 0: 1: 2: 3: 0) st(s) evenly across the last row. [87 (96: 105: 114: 123: 132: 141: 150) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a knit row, work 6 rows in st st.**

Foll Back Chart 2 (2: 2: 2: 3: 3: 3: 3), work as folls:

Row 1 (RS) K75 (84: 93: 102: 108: 117: 126: 135) in Yarn A, then K12 (12: 12: 12: 15: 15: 15: 15) sts from Row 1 of Chart.

Row 2 P12 (12: 12: 12: 15: 15: 15: 15) sts from Row 2 of Chart, then P75 (84: 93: 102: 108: 117: 126: 135) in Yarn A.

These 2 rows set the position of the charted design.

Cont to work to end of Chart, then cont in st st in Yarn A only until Back measures 42cm from cast-on edge, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Next row K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.



[85 (94: 103: 112: 121: 130: 139: 148) sts]

Next row Purl to end.

Rep the prev 2 rows 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) more times.

[79 (86: 93: 100: 107: 114: 121: 128) sts]

Work straight until Back measures 61 (62: 63: 64: 65: 66: 67: 68) cm from cast-on edge, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts at beg of next 6 rows.

[31 (32: 33: 34: 35: 36: 37: 38) sts]

Place rem sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

Foll Front Chart 2 (2: 2: 2: 3: 3: 3), work as foll:

Row 1 (RS) K38 (38: 38: 38: 48: 48: 48) sts from Row 1 of Chart, then K49 (58: 67: 76: 75: 84: 93: 102) in Yarn A.

Row 2 P49 (58: 67: 76: 75: 84: 93: 102) in Yarn A, then P38 (38: 38: 38: 48: 48: 48) sts from Row 2 of Chart.

These 2 rows set the position of the charted design.

Cont to work to end of Chart, then cont in st st in Yarn A only until Front measures 42cm from cast-on edge, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Next row K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

[85 (94: 103: 112: 121: 130: 139: 148) sts]

Next row Purl to end.

Rep the prev 2 rows 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) more times.

(79 (86: 93: 100: 107: 114: 121: 128) sts]

Work straight until 16 (16: 18: 18: 18: 20: 20) rows fewer have been worked than on Back to Shape Shoulders.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row K30 (33: 36: 39: 42: 45: 48: 51), skpo, turn and work on

these 31 (34: 37: 40: 43: 46: 49: 52) sts only for left side of neck shaping.

Next row P2tog, purl to end. [30 (33: 36: 39: 42: 45: 48: 51) sts]

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, skpo. [29 (32: 35: 38: 41: 44: 47: 50) sts]

Rep the prev 2 rows 2 more times.

[25 (28: 31: 34: 37: 40: 43: 46) sts]

Next row P2tog, purl to end. [24 (27: 30: 33: 36: 39: 42: 45) sts]

Work 8 (8: 10: 10: 10: 12: 12: 12) more rows in st st.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

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

[8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts]

Purl 1 row.

Cast off.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

Next row With RS facing, place center 15 (16: 17: 18: 19: 20: 21: 22)

sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem 32 (35: 38: 41: 44: 47: 50: 53) sts, k2tog, knit to end. [31 (34: 37: 40: 43: 46: 49: 52) sts]

Next row P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [30 (33: 36: 39: 42: 45: 48: 51) sts]

Next row K2tog, knit to end. [29 (32: 35: 38: 41: 44: 47: 50) sts]

Rep the prev 2 rows 2 more times.

[25 (28: 31: 34: 37: 40: 43: 46) sts]

Next row P to last 2 sts, p2tog. [24 (27: 30: 33: 36: 39: 42: 45) sts]

Work 9 (9: 11: 11: 11: 13: 13: 13) more rows in st st.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

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

[8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) sts]

Knit 1 row.

Cast off.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 38 (42: 46: 54: 58: 62: 70: 74) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rib row 1 K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

Rib row 2 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep these 2 rows 4 more times, inc 2 (4: 6: 4: 6: 8: 6: 8) sts evenly across the last row. [40 (46: 52: 58: 64: 70: 76: 82) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a knit row, work 6 rows in st st.

Inc row K4, M1, knit to last 4 sts, M1, K4.

[42 (48: 54: 60: 66: 72: 78: 84) sts]

Work 5 more rows in st st.

Rep the prev 6 rows 11 more times, then rep the inc row once more.

[66 (72: 78: 84: 90: 96: 102: 108) sts]

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

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Next row K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

[64 (70: 76: 82: 88: 94: 100: 106) sts]

Next row Purl to end.

Rep the prev 2 rows 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) more times.

[58 (62: 66: 70: 74: 78: 82: 86) sts]

Next row **Cast off** 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, skpo.

[55 (59: 63: 67: 71: 75: 79: 83) sts]

Next row **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[52 (56: 60: 64: 68: 72: 76: 80) sts]

Rep the prev 2 rows 7 more times.

[10 (14: 18: 22: 26: 30: 34: 38) sts]

Cast off.

NECKBAND

Weave in yarn ends on Back and Front and block both pieces. Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing and using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 16 (17: 18: 19: 20: 21: 22: 23) sts down left side of Front neck, 15 (16: 17: 18: 19: 20: 21: 22) sts from center Front holder, 16 (17: 18: 19: 20: 21: 22: 23) sts up right side of Front neck, and 31 (32: 33: 34: 35: 36: 37: 38) sts from Back neck holder. [78 (82: 86: 90: 94: 98: 102: 106) sts]

Rib row 1 K2, *P2, K2; rep from * to end.

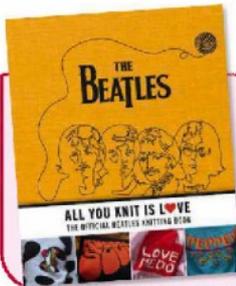
Rib row 2 P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep these 2 rows 2 more times.

Change to 4mm needles and work 5 Rib rows.
Cast off rib-wise.

MAKING UP

Weave in remaining yarn ends and block the Sleeves. Join the left shoulder and neckband seams. Sew the Sleeves in place, matching centers of Sleeve tops to shoulder seams. Join the side and Sleeve seams.



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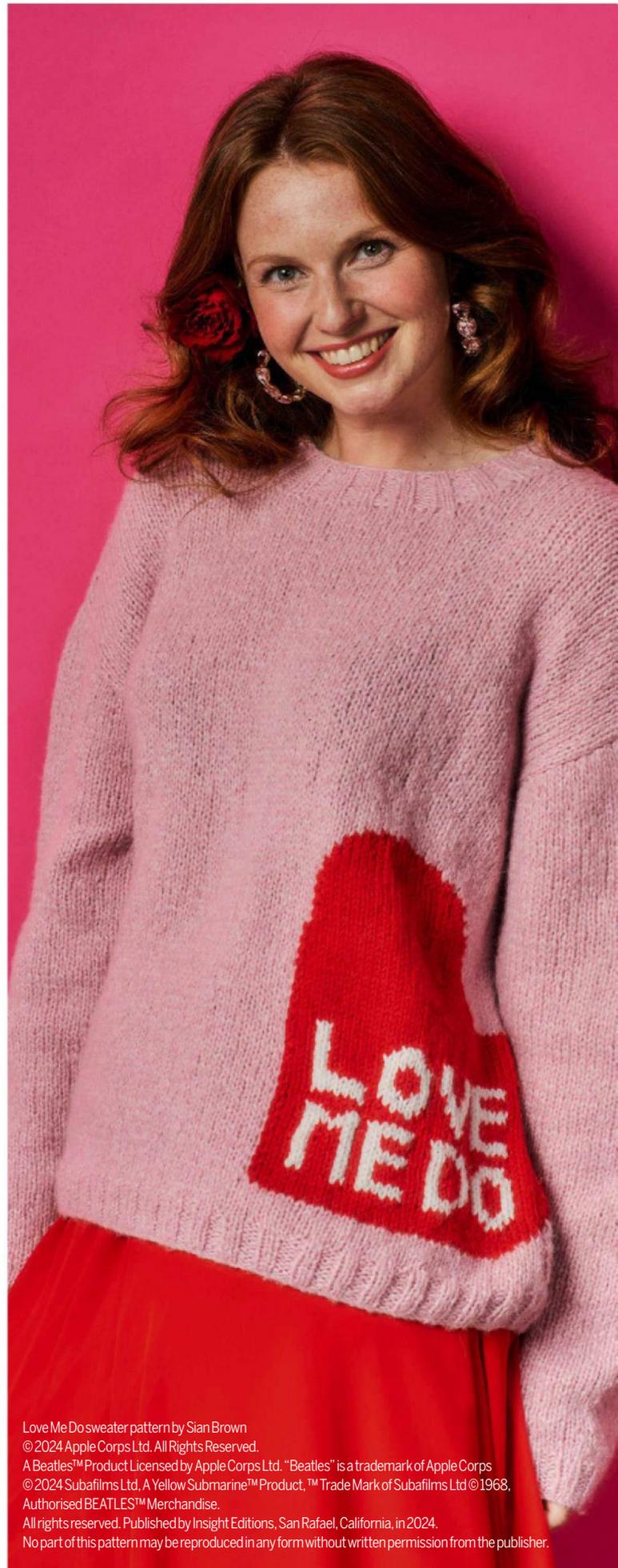
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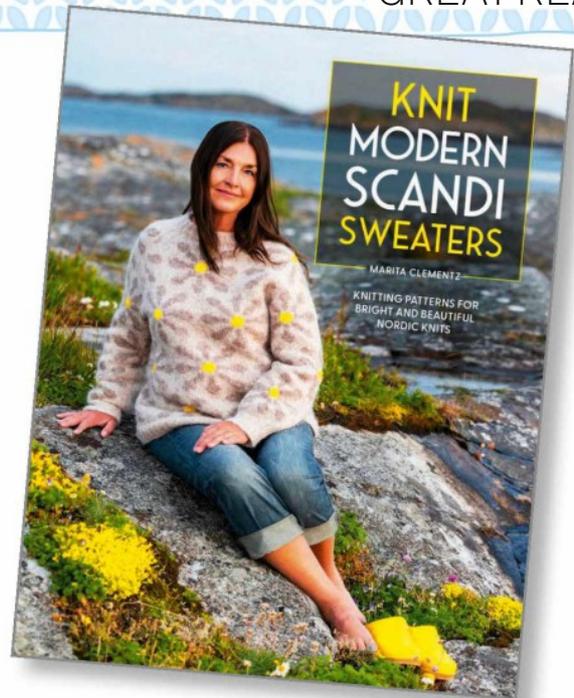
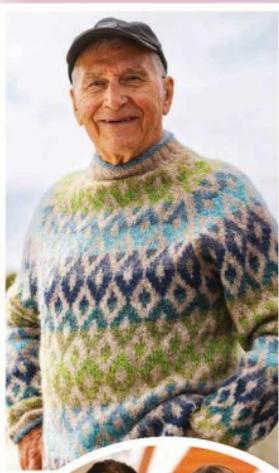
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Book of the month



Embrace vibrant Scandi knitwear and create modern, timeless masterpieces!

Knitting enthusiasts, rejoice! The rich tradition of Scandinavian knitwear gets a contemporary twist in 'Knit Modern Scandi Sweaters' by Marita Clementz.

Inspired by nature and inclusivity

The lopapeysa sweater is a hallmark of Scandinavian craftsmanship, historically celebrated for its unspun, undyed yarn and neutral tones. In this vibrant collection, Clementz reinvents the classic with 12 stunning designs for all ages. Incorporating vivid colours and contemporary motifs, she has preserved the warmth and lightness of traditional lopi while bringing a joyful new energy to the style.

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One of the stand out features of Clementz's patterns is their approachable design. The sweaters are worked top-down and in the round, meaning there's no need for complex seaming, allowing knitters to easily adjust the body and sleeve lengths. Clementz's use of unspun yarn from Norway, Sweden and Iceland ensures that her sweaters maintain the lightness and soft halo effect characteristic of traditional lopi.

A celebration of Scandinavian heritage

Beyond the beauty of its patterns, 'Knit Modern Scandi Sweaters' serves as a celebration of Scandinavian knitting heritage with a contemporary twist. It's a perfect pick for knitters looking to explore a timeless craft while infusing their wardrobes with personality and modern charm. With its emphasis on inclusivity, sustainability and creative expression, this book is an essential addition to any knitter's library.

Title: 'Knit Modern Scandi Sweaters'

By: Maria Clementz

Publisher: David and Charles,
£16.99 (available 11 March 2025)



*Kirstie McLead,
Editor*

Stay in touch!

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



Kathy fell in love with this shawl-collar cardigan this winter

WARM AND WONDERFUL

As soon as I saw this cardigan pattern I knew I had to knit it because I fell in love with it – most of all I loved the colour, it reminded me of the beautiful colour of the autumnal leaves, which is my favourite time of the year. The yarn is what the pattern recommended. I had to order it from Handmade Studios Yarn Shop in Petersfield, Hampshire. They didn't stock the yarn but they were happy to order it for me. It's called West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft Wild Shetland aran. The shade is Fired Earth. I found it a fairly easy pattern to knit (if you know how to do cable!).

■ Kathy Cook

The yarn you have chosen for your cardigan is gorgeous Kathy. I love the autumnal tones – so pretty! I hope it has kept you warm and cosy this winter.



★ STAR LETTER ★

THE BEST KNITTER

I had no idea what an axolotl was until my granddaughter asked me to knit her one. After googling 'axolotl', I fell in love with the little salamanders. This one's name is Rose! I used an @knitateddy pattern for the axolotl. This is my fifth @knitateddy pattern, and I love my growing collection of animals! My heart has swelled from all the compliments I have received about Rose. My granddaughter told me I am the best knitter in the whole galaxy, her friend wants me to knit her one, and my sister wants me to sell them. I'm just so happy my granddaughter now has a knitted axolotl made by her grandma!

■ Denise Patterson

I'm thinking about joining the queue for a knitted axolotl myself, Denise! I can see why your granddaughter's latest knit has created a storm, she's one of the cutest things I've seen all year!



Denise's granddaughter and her beloved knitted axolotl



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WHAT'S TRENDING THIS MONTH

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

Pattern in issue 257



HO-HO-SNOWMAN

Gracie knitted the snowman from our issue 257, complete with stripy scarf and snug-fit bobble hat. We love all the brilliant detail she's included. Hope you had fun displaying him for Christmas!

■ Gracie Miller



Pattern in issue 257

FESTIVE FRIENDS

After buying one of our recent magazines Wendy made the gingerbread man and snowman decorations, complete with cosy hats and scarves from issue 257 to help celebrate the Christmas season.

■ Wendy Hunt



COUNT ALL THE DAYS

Sue's daughter asked her to knit an advent calendar to help welcome in the holidays. She used King Cole Value Chunky Yarn in colour Bracken and Wine, using up oddments to make the angel.

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VALENTINE HUGS

Knit and keep these glorious Moomin socks to treat yourself, or gift a hug to a loved-one's feet this cold-weather season. By **Marita Karlsson**



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Novita Muumitalo (Moomin House) DK (75% wool, 25% polyamide, 100g/225m)
- 2 balls of **Yarn A** Fillyjonk (599)
- 1 ball of **Yarn B** Moomintroll (007)
- A set of 3mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Stitch marker

TENSION

29 sts to measure 10cm (4in) over Fair Isle patt using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit foot circumference 19.5 (21)cm, (7¼ (8¼)in)
 Actual foot circumference 18 (19.5)cm, (7 (7¾)in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists visit Novita at www.novita.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Treasure www.treasuremodernknitting.co.uk

KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn A (Size 1)/Yarn B (Size 2)
- SSK (see patt notes)
- K2tog (see patt notes)

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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MOOMIN SOCKS

Notes When following the Chart instructions for the larger size, always treat the decrease st for the smaller size as a knit st and work it in the yarn as shown by the colour of the square.

When working the Fair Isle Chart, catch in any floats longer than 4 sts by twisting the yarns around each other at the back of the work. Vary where you catch your floats in the design so they don't land in the same place on consecutive rounds. Use the ladder back jacquard technique to catch floats on the leg. You can find videos and instructions showing how to do this online – we found a good one at www.ysolda.com.

LEG

Cast on 80 (84) sts in Yarn A and divide between four needles as follows: 25 (27) sts on needles 1 and 4 and 15 (15) sts on needles 2 and 3. The start of the round is between needle 4 and needle 1 at the back of the sock. Place marker to denote beg of round and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Twisted rib round (K1tbl, P1) to end of round. Work 4.5cm in twisted rib in the round. Knit one round, decreasing 4 sts evenly across round. [76 (80) sts]

Start the Fair Isle pattern, working Round 1 of Chart across all 76 (80) sts. Then work Rounds 2 to 62 (2 to 67) of Chart, decrease at places marked on Chart.

Break off Yarn B and work the rest of the sock in Yarn A. Work 4cm in stocking stitch. Divide sts evenly with 13 (14) sts on each needle.

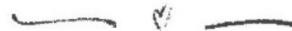
HEEL

Start to work heel by knitting the sts on needle 1 on to needle 4. [26 (28) sts for heel flap]. Leave remaining sts on needles 2 and 3. Turn work and start slip stitch pattern to reinforce heel:

- Row 1** (WS) S11 (with yarn in front of work), purl to end of row. Turn work.
- Row 2** (RS) *S11 (with yarn at back of work), K1; repeat from * to

"Anyone who knows me knows I'm a huge Moomin fan, from Tove Jansson's books to the many Moomin gifts you can buy. These socks will definitely be on my needles soon!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



end of row. Turn work. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 a total of 13 (14) times and then work Row 1 again. [27 (29) rows]

FRENCH HEEL (ROUNDED HEEL)

Row 1 (RS) S11 (with yarn at back of work), K14 (15), ssk, K1. Turn work.

Row 2 (WS) S11 purlwise, P5, p2tog, P1. Turn work.

Row 3 S11 knitwise, K6, ssk, K1. Turn work.

Row 4 S11 purlwise, P7, p2tog, P1. Turn work.

Continue decreasing in this way, increasing the number of sts in the centre by one on each row until all sts at the sides have been decreased. Then work 1 more WS row. **Note** For the larger size, there will be no stitch left to K1/P1 at the end of the row after the last decrease.

Turn work. Divide heel sts evenly between two needles with 8 sts on each needle. Knit sts on RH needle. This point (centre back) is now the start of the round.

FOOT

Knit the 8 sts on LH needle from heel (needle 1). Using a spare needle, pick up 14 (15) sts from LH edge of heel flap + 1 st between heel flap and needle 2. Knit picked up sts on to needle 1, turning sts knitwise. Knit sts on needle 2 and needle 3. Using the needle with 8 sts on it, pick up 14 (15) sts from RH edge of heel flap + 1 st between heel flap and needle 3. Knit picked up sts and 8 sts from heel on to needle 4, turning picked up sts knitwise. [72 (76) sts]



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DINO DELIGHTS

Keep little ones cosy with this fun dinosaur hat and mitten set, featuring pointy scutes and an under-chin tie. By **Jane Burns**



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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A set of 3.25mm double-pointed needles (DPNs), or circular

needle, 20-30cm long, for working in the round, or 80cm long for Magic Loop

- A set of 4mm needles DPNs, or circular needle, 20-30cm long for working in the round, or 80cm long for Magic Loop
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Pins
- Waste yarn

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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EAR FLAPS (MAKE TWO)

Cast on 5 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, *DO NOT TURN, slide sts to other end of needle, pull working yarn tight behind piece, K5; rep from * until piece measures 15 (16: 18)cm.

Next row K1, M1, K3, M1, K1. [7 sts]

Change to 4mm needles, working back and forth in st st while increasing every RS row.

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row (RS) K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1. [9 sts]

Rep last 2 rounds until 17 (19: 21) sts.

Cont to work in st st without shaping until piece measures 6 (7: 8.5) cm from beg of shaping.

Put aside.

BRIM

Cast on 96 (104: 108) sts using 3.25mm needles for working in the round and Yarn A, join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep Round 1 until Hat measures 3 (3.5: 4)cm from cast-on edge.

BODY

Change to 4mm needles.

Next round Knit, dec 0 (2: 0) sts evenly across the round. [96 (102: 108) sts]

K31 (32: 33), place the Ear Flap sts inside the hat sts and knit the next 17 (19: 21) sts together, attaching the Ear Flap to the Hat

with Ear Flap sitting on the inside of the Hat, K31 (32: 33), place second Ear Flap inside hat sts and knit together 17 (19: 21) sts from Ear Flap with Hat sts as before. [96 (102: 108) sts]

Knit every round until piece measures 10.5 (12.5: 14)cm from cast-on edge.

CROWN SHAPING

Round 1 *K14 (15: 16), k2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts dec'd]

Next round Knit.

Next round *K13 (14: 15), k2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts dec'd]

Continue to dec alt rounds as set until 54 (60: 66) sts rem.

Then dec every round until 12 (18: 24) sts rem.

AGE 3-7 ONLY

Next round *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [12 sts]

AGE 8-11 ONLY

Next round *K2tog; rep from * to end. [12 sts]

ALL AGES

Next round *K2tog; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, using a tapestry needle, thread through rem sts and pull tight to close crown.

SCUTES, MAKE 6 (7: 7)

Cast on 23 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Row 3 (K1, ssk, K5, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [19 sts]

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.

FIND YOUR SIZE

| AGE | | 1-2yrs | 3-7yrs | 8-11y |
|---------------------------|----|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| TO FIT HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE | cm | 45.5 | 48.5 | 51 |
| | in | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| ACTUAL HEAD CIRCUMFERENCE | cm | 43.5 | 46.5 | 49 |
| | in | 17¼ | 18¼ | 19¼ |
| MITTEN CIRCUMFERENCE | cm | 12.5 | 15.5 | 17.5 |
| | in | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| MITTEN LENGTH | cm | 14 | 15 | 16.5 |
| | in | 5½ | 6 | 6½ |
| YARN | | Yarnsmiths Create DK (100g/290m) | | |
| Yarn A Petrol (3234) | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Yarn B Ginger (3124) | | 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



Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (K1, ssk, K3, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [15 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1) twice, K1. [11 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 (Ssk, K1, k2tog) twice, K1. [7 sts]

Row 10 P2tog, P3, p2tog. [5 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail and pull to gather tip of Scute, sew side seam.

MAKING UP

Join the Scutes at the base to form a row or chain of Scutes, this will make placing and sewing them onto the Hat much easier. Once you have your Scutes in a continuous row, pin to centre of Hat, and once happy with position, sew into place.

Weave in ends and block.

MITTENS

Cast on 28 (32: 36) sts using 3.25mm needles for working in the round and Yarn A, join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM for beg of round.

CUFF

Round 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep last round until piece measures 2.5 (3: 3.5)cm from cast-on edge.

HAND

Change to 4mm needles.

Next round Knit, inc 0 (2: 2) sts evenly across the round.

[28 (34: 38) sts]

Knit next 3 rounds.

THUMB INCREASE

Round 1 M1R, K1, M1L, PM, knit to end. [2 sts inc'd]

Rounds 2 and 3 Knit.

Round 4 M1R, knit to marker, M1L, SM, knit to end. [2 sts inc'd]

Rounds 5 and 6 Knit.

Rep Rounds 4 to 6 another 4 (4: 5) times.

[12 (12: 14) sts inc'd for thumb]

Next round Slip 13 (13: 15) sts onto waste yarn, knit to end.

[27 (33: 37) sts]

Next round Cast on 1 st, knit to end. [28 (34: 38) sts]

Knit every round until piece measures 11.5 (12.5: 14)cm from cast-on edge.

Next round Knit, dec 0 (2: 2) sts evenly across the round.

[28 (32: 36) sts]

TOP CUFF

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Round 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rep last round until top cuff measures 2.5cm.

Cast off.

THUMB

Place 13 (13: 15) sts from waste yarn back onto 4mm needles for working in the round, using Yarn A knit to end, pick up 1 (1: 1) sts from mitten to close the gap, PM and join to work in the round.

[14 (14: 16) sts]

Next round Knit.

Next round Dec 2 (2: 0) sts across the round. [12 (12: 16) sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Rounds 1 to 4 *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Cast off.

SCUTES (MAKE 8)

Cast on 14 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Ssk, K3, k2tog) twice. [10 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

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

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (S2kpo) twice. [2 sts]

Cut yarn leaving a long tail and pull to gather tip of Scute, sew side seam.

MAKING UP

Join the Scutes at the base to form a row or chain of Scutes, this will make placing and sewing them onto the Mittens much easier. Once you have your Scutes in a continuous row, pin to centre back of each Mitten, making sure thumb is in correct position for left and right mitten. Once happy with position, sew into place. Weave in ends and block. ●

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FUZZY PEACH

Snuggle cosily into this mohair-filled, V-neck cardigan complete with comfy faux collar. By **Pat Menchini**



* V-NECK CARDIGAN



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Creative Mohair Mélange (40% wool, 31% mohair, 27% acrylic, 2% polyamide, 50g/60m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 8mm needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Locking stitch markers
- 1 button, 33mm diameter, from www.duttonsforbuttons.co.uk

TENSION

11 sts and 14 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 8mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

- M1** Pick up and knit into back of horizontal strand lying before next st
- TW2** Slip next st knitwise, K1, pass slipped st over st just knitted and knit into back of it

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists visit Rico Design at www.rico-design.de

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Lovecrafts 01409 404010 or www.lovecrafts.com



V-NECK CARDIGAN BACK

Cast on 55 (61: 67: 71: 77) sts using 8mm needles.

Foundation row (WS) P1, (K1, P1) to end.

Change to st st and beg with a knit row work straight in st st until Back measures 57 (57: 58: 61: 63)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 7) sts at beg of next 6 rows, then 4 (6: 6: 7: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 17 (19: 19: 21: 23) sts.

Place a marker on centre st.

POCKET LININGS (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 17 sts using 8mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row, work 15 rows in st st.

Next row (WS) Cast off 2 sts, P to last 2 sts, cast off next st and fasten off rem st. [13 sts]

Slip sts on a stitch holder and leave.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 31 (35: 37: 41: 43) sts using 8mm needles.

SIZES 6-8, 10-12 AND 18-20 ONLY

Foundation row (WS) P1, (K1, P1) to end.

SIZES 14-16 AND 22-24 ONLY

Foundation row (WS) (P1, K1) to last st, pfb in last st. [- (: 38: : 44) sts]

ALL SIZES

Beg with a RS knit row work 17 rows in st st.**

Pocket opening row (WS) P6 (9: 11: 12: 14), cast off st just worked and next 12 sts loosely in P1, K1 rib, P to end.

"The variegated tones in this cardigan's yarn, added to the twisted detail on both front sections, turn a simple cosy cardigan into something truly special."

CORY SYDDEE, TECHNICAL EDITOR



FIND YOUR SIZE

| SIZE | | 6-8 | 10-12 | 14-16 | 18-20 | 22-24 |
|---------------|----|--|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| TO FIT BUST | cm | 76-81 | 86-91 | 97-102 | 107-112 | 117-122 |
| | in | 30-32 | 34-36 | 38-40 | 42-44 | 46-48 |
| ACTUAL BUST | cm | 103 | 115.5 | 126 | 135.5 | 146.5 |
| | in | 40½ | 45¾ | 49¾ | 53½ | 57½ |
| LENGTH | cm | 57 | 57 | 58 | 61 | 63 |
| | in | 22½ | 22½ | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| SLEEVE LENGTH | cm | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 |
| | in | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| YARN | | Rico Creative Mohair Melange (50g/60m) | | | | |
| Pink (007) | | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 |

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



Pocket lining row K13 (14: 15: 17: 18), K across a group of 13 pocket lining sts, K to end. [31 (35: 38: 41: 44) sts]
Work straight until Front measures 28cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row.

WORK BUTTONHOLE

Next row (WS) P to last 8 sts, **cast off** 3 sts, P to end.
Next row K to end, **casting on** 3 sts neatly over gap created by the cast off on the last row.
Work 5 rows straight.



SET THE 4-STITCH TWIST PANEL

Next row (RS) K8, PM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, PM, K to end.
Next row Purl.
These 2 rows set position of Panel.

WORK SHAPING

Note 1 stitch is increased for 'collar' and 1 stitch is decreased for Front slope on each shaping row in this section. The stitch total remains constant.
Row 1 (shaping row, RS) K to SM, M1, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, k2togtbl, K to end.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K to SM, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, K to end.
Row 4 Purl.

Rep last 4 rows another 5 (6: 6: 6: 8) times.

SIZE 6-8 ONLY

Next row (final 'collar' shaping row) K to SM, M1, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K to end. [32 (-: -: -: -) sts]
Next row Purl.

SIZES 18-20 AND 22-24 ONLY

Next row (final Front slope shaping row) K to SM, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, k2tog tbl, K to end. [- (: -: 40: 43) sts]
Next row Purl.

ALL SIZES

Note Markers can be removed on the following row.
Beg with a RS row, work straight until Front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 7) sts at beg of next row and the 2 foll alt rows.
Work 1 row straight.
Cast off loosely 4 (6: 6: 7: 6) sts at beg of next row.
[13 (14: 14: 15: 16) sts]

* V-NECK CARDIGAN

Continue on these sts for a few rows until inner edge of 'collar' fits halfway along the back neck edge to marker, without stretching.
Cast off loosely.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 31 (35: 37: 41: 43) sts using 8mm needles.

SIZES 6-8, 10-12 AND 18-20 ONLY

Foundation row (WS) P1, (K1, P1) to end.

SIZES 14-16 AND 22-24 ONLY

Foundation row (WS) Pfb, (K1, P1) to end. [- (: 38: - : 44) sts]

ALL SIZES

Change to st st and beg with a knit row work 17 rows in st st.**

Pocket opening row (WS) P14 (15: 16: 18: 19), **cast off** last st worked and next 12 sts loosely in P1, K1 rib, P to end.

Pocket lining row K5 (8: 10: 11: 13), K across rem group of 13 pocket lining sts, K to end. [31 (35: 38: 41: 44) sts]

Work straight until Front measures same as Right Front up to marker, ending after a WS row.

SET THE 4-STITCH TWIST PANEL

Next row (RS) K17 (21: 24: 27: 30), PM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, PM, K to end.

Next row Purl.

These 2 rows set position of the Panel.

WORK SHAPING

Note 1 stitch is decreased for Front slope and 1 stitch is increased for 'collar' on each shaping row in this section. The stitch total therefore remains constant.

Row 1 (shaping row, RS) K to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, M1, K to end.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K to SM, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, K to end.

Row 4 Purl.

Rep last 4 rows another 5 (6: 6: 6: 8) times.

SIZE 6-8 ONLY

Next row (final collar shaping row) K to SM, sl SM, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, M1, K to end. [32 (: - : - : -) sts]

Next row Purl.

SIZES 18-20 AND 22-24 ONLY

Next row (final front slope shaping row) K to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, P1, TW2, P1, K1, sl SM, K to end. [- (: - : - : 40: 43) sts]

Next row Purl.



ALL SIZES

Note Markers can be removed on the following row.

Beg with a RS row, work straight until Front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at side edge.

Complete to match Right Front working from *** to end.

SLEEVES

Cast on 21 (23: 25: 25: 27) sts using 8mm needles.

Foundation row (RS) K1, (P1, K1) to end.

Beg with a WS purl row work 3 rows straight.

Next row (inc row) K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Cont in st st working inc row on every foll 6th (6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row until there are 29 (29: 31: 43: 45) sts, then on every foll 8th (6th:

6th: 6th: 4th) row until there are 37 (41: 45: 49: 53) sts.

Work straight until Sleeve measures 46cm, or desired length.

Cast off loosely.

MAKING UP

Join shoulders. Join cast-off edges of 'collar'. Join inner edge of the 'collar' to back of neck, matching 'collar' seam to centre back marker. Join cast-off edges of Sleeves to upper side edges of Back and Front, matching centre of Sleeves to shoulder seams. Sew on buttons. Secure pocket lining edges. Weave in ends and gently block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. ●

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back onto the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.

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YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Re:Treat Chunky Roving (100% Bluefaced Kerry Hill Wool, 100g/140m)
- 1 ball of Serene (452)
- A pair of 5.5mm needles

TENSION

18 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

SIZE

To fit head circumference 46-56cm.
Due to pattern fabric is quite stretchy

LACE BEANIE BRIM

Cast on 82 stitches using 5.5mm needles.

Rib row (WS) S11, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Repeat rib row every row until the rib measures 8cm from the cast-on edge, ending on a WS row.

Row 1 (RS) S11, *K2, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 3 S11, *K1, k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 4 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 5 S11, *k2tog, yo, K2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 6 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 7 S11, *K1, yo, skpo, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 8 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 9 S11, *K2, yo, skpo; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 10 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 11 S11, K1, *K2, yo, skpo; rep from * to end.

Row 12 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 13 S11, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 14 S11, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 15 S11, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 16 S11, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 17 (RS) S11, *K2, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 18 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 19 S11, *K1, k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 20 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 21 S11, *k2tog, yo, K2; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 22 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 23 S11, *K8, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [74 sts]

Row 24 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 25 S11, *K7, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [66 sts]

Row 26 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 27 S11, *K6, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [58 sts]

Row 28 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 29 S11, *K5, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [50 sts]

Row 30 S11, purl to end of row.

Row 31 S11, *K4, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [42 sts]

Row 32 S11, *p2tog, P3; rep from * to last st, P1. [34 sts]

Row 33 S11, *K2, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [26 sts]

Row 34 S11, *p2tog, P1; rep from * to last st, P1. [18 sts]

Row 35 S11, k2tog, pssso, (k2tog) to last 3 sts, k3tog. [8 sts]

MAKING UP

Break off the yarn, thread through the stitches on the needle and pull tight. Secure with a stitch. With RS facing sew together the side seams. ●

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- 2 balls of **Yarn A** Tیره (1081)
- 1 ball of **Yarn B** Benbecula (1093)
- A pair of 6mm needles
- 5 buttons, 2cm diameter
- A cushion pad, 42cm (16½in) square

TENSION

14 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 6mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

40cm (15¾in) square

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

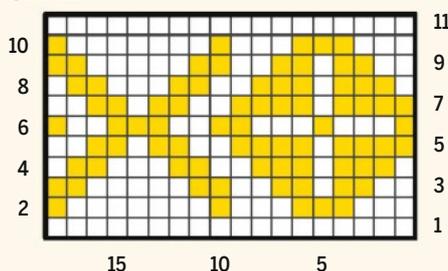
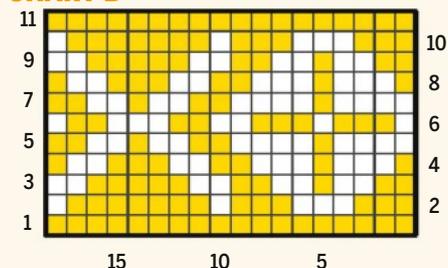
Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Delta Wool Shop**
01772 456535 or www.deltawoolshop.co.uk
- Althenbys**
01948 820 052 or www.athenbys.com


CHART A

CHART B

KEY

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


COLOURWORK CUSHION

Cast on 56 sts using 6mm needles and Yarn A.

BUTTON BAND

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

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

These 2 rows set moss st.

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

BACK

Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st until piece measures 30cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS, fold) Knit.

FRONT

Row 1 (RS) K1A, join Yarn B, (work Row 1 of Chart A) 3 times, K1A.

Row 2 P1A, (work Row 2 of Chart A) 3 times, P1A.

These two rows set position of Chart A and st st borders.

Cont as set until Chart 1 is complete.

Next row (WS) P1B, (work Row 1 of Chart 2) 3 times, P1B.

Row 2 K1B, (work Row 2 of Chart B) 3 times, K1B.

These two rows set position of Chart B and st st borders.

Cont as set until Chart B is complete, then rep Chart A and Chart B alternately until 77 total rows have been worked from charts.

Break Yarn B and cont with Yarn A only.

Next row (WS, fold) Knit.

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CAMILLA OWEN, DESIGNER


OVERLAP

Start on a RS knit row, work in st st for 10cm, ending after a WS row.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

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

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

These 2 rows set moss st.

Row 3 Work 5 sts as set, p2tog, yo, (work 9 sts as set, k2tog, yo, work 9 sts as set, p2tog, yo) twice, work as set to end.

Row 4 As Row 2.

Row 5 As Row 1.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Join side seams using mattress stitch, overlapping buttonhole and button bands. Attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

Weave in all ends.

* COLOURWORK CUSHION





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RRP £10 **WEIGHT** Chunky
BALL 200g/340m **NEEDLE** 6mm
CONTENT 100% acrylic
CARE Machine wash 30°C mild
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



STYLECRAFT RELOVE ARAN

ReLove is a fantastic addition to the eco-conscious knitter's stash. Made from 100% recycled materials, this aran-weight blend of acrylic and wool is both soft and sustainable. Its practicality shines with machine washability, making it ideal for everyday projects. Perfect for cosy sweaters, accessories, or blankets, ReLove lets you craft while embracing sustainability.

RRP £3.95 **WEIGHT** Aran
BALL 100g/220m **NEEDLE** 5mm
CONTENT 80% recycled acrylic, 20% wool
CARE Machine wash 30°C
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



RED HEART SUPER SAVER

A beloved choice for knitters and crocheters, Red Heart's Super Saver is a 100% acrylic yarn that offers a vast array of stunning colours to choose from, including vibrant solids, dynamic stripes and planned pooling options. Durable and versatile, this yarn holds up beautifully, wash after wash, making it perfect for everything from cosy blankets to trendy garments.

RRP £6.99 **WEIGHT** Aran
BALL 198g/333m **NEEDLE** 5mm
CONTENT 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 40°C very mild
www.yarnspirations.com

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RRP £4.99 **WEIGHT** Fashion
BALL 100g/156m **NEEDLE** 4mm
CONTENT 91% polyamide, 9% glitter
CARE Machine wash 30°C mild
www.kingcole.com



SIRDAR LOVEFUL DK

Loveful 100% Recycled by Sirdar is a soft, smooth DK yarn made from recycled materials, offering the same quality and reliability you expect from Sirdar. With carefully selected trend-led shades, each batch is completely unique, so be sure to check dye lots. Ideal for creating stylish, eco-conscious pieces, Loveful combines sustainability with versatility.

RRP £3.50 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/315m
NEEDLE 4mm **CONTENT** 100% recycled acrylic
CARE Machine wash on wool cycle
www.sirdar.com



HOBII OLIVIN

Olivin is a luxurious blend of 50% cotton and 50% linen, crafted in Italy to offer the perfect balance of breathability, softness and durability. Ideal for warmer seasons, it's great for lightweight sweaters and airy shawls. The smooth, natural sheen of the linen adds sophistication to every project. With a subdued colour palette, Olivin brings timeless elegance to your creations.

RRP £6 **WEIGHT** 4ply **BALL** 50g/125m
NEEDLE 4.5mm **CONTENT** 50% cotton, 50% linen
CARE Machine wash 30°C
www.hobbii.co.uk

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YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
2 balls of each
- Yarn A** White (961)
- Yarn B** Burnt Orange (647)
1 ball of each
- Yarn C** Dark Grey Mix (790)
- Yarn D** Champagne (598)
Oddments of
- Yarn E** Frost Blue (608)
- Yarn F** Grass (825)
- A 3.5mm circular needle, at least 40cm long
- A pair of 3.5mm needles
- Toy filling
- 2 domed black buttons per toy, 12mm
- Lockable stitch markers

TENSION

18 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over loop stitch using 3.5mm needles

23 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

26cm long x 26cm tall (10¼x10¼in), not including tail or horns

ABBREVIATIONS

Loop Knit into next st, but do not allow st to drop off LH needle. Bring yarn forward between needle tips, stretch out left thumb so that it is in front of knitting and wrap yarn around and under it. Take yarn back between needle tips keeping it wrapped around thumb to make a loop. Knit into same st again on LH needle, and drop original st off LH needle. Take thumb out of loop and lift 2nd st on RH needle over first to complete Loop

Kfbf Knit into front, back and then front again of next st to increase by 2 sts

For a full list see page 77

Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts.

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Little Wool Shop
01495 239416 or www.littlewoolshop.com
- Abakhan
www.abakhan.co.uk



COW AND SHEEP SHEEP BODY

Start at bottom edge.

Cast on 50 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 and foll RS rows K1, (loop) to last st, K1.

Row 3 K1, (kfb, K5) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

Row 5 K1, (kfb, K6) 8 times, K1. [66 sts]

Row 7 K1, (kfb, K7) 8 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 9 Knit.

Row 10 (RS) K1, (loop) to last st, K1.

Rows 11 to 50 Rep Rows 9 to 10 another 20 times.

Row 51 K1, (k2tog, K7) 8 times, K1. [66 sts]

Row 53 K1, (k2tog, K6) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

Row 55 K1, (k2tog, K5) 8 times, K1. [50 sts]

Row 56 (RS) Rep Row 2.

Cast off.

COW BODY

Work as given for Sheep Body using Yarn B.

SHEEP HEAD

Start at chin.

Cast on 10 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

"Have you ever seen anything as adorable as these farm friends? If you've never tried loop stitch before have a practice making a swatch before you start the animals."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Rows 1 to 2 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 3 K1, (kfb) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Rows 4, 6 and 8 Purl.

Row 5 K1, (kfb, K1) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 7 K1, (kfb, K2) 8 times, K1. [34 sts]

Row 9 K1, (kfb, K3) 8 times, K1. [42 sts]

Rows 10 to 22 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 23 K5, (k2tog, K1) 4 times, K9, (k2tog, K1) 4 times, K4. [34 sts]

Rows 24 to 29 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, and on Row 24 mark 13th and 21st sts for the eye positions.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn A.

Row 30 Purl.

Row 31 K1, (loop) to last stitch, K1.

Row 32 Knit.

Rows 33 to 40 Rep Rows 31 to 32 another 4 times.

Row 41 Rep Row 31.

Row 42 K1, (k2tog, K1) 11 times. [23 sts]

Row 43 Rep Row 31.

Row 44 K1, (k2tog) 11 times. [12 sts]

Row 45 Rep Row 31.

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

COW HEAD

Work as given for Sheep Head, except work Rows 1 to 17 in Yarn D, and Rows 18 to 45 in Yarn B.

SHEEP LEGS (MAKE 4)

Start at Body edge.

Cast on 20 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 13 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Rows 14 to 16 Knit.

Row 17 K1, (k2tog, K1) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]

Row 18 Knit.

Row 19 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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

COW LEGS

Work as given for Sheep Legs, except work Rows 1 to 11 in Yarn B and Rows 12 to 19 in Yarn C.

SHEEP EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at Head edge.

Cast on 12 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 2 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 3 K2, (kfb) twice, K4, (kfb) twice, K2. [16 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K3, (kfb) twice, K6, (kfb) twice, K3. [20 sts]

Rows 6 to 9 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 10 P3, (p2tog) twice, P6, (p2tog) twice, P3. [16 sts]

Row 11 and foll RS rows Knit.

Row 12 P2, (p2tog) twice, P4, (p2tog) twice, P2. [12 sts]

Row 14 P1, (p2tog) twice, P2, (p2tog) twice, P1. [8 sts]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 (P2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

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

COW EARS

Work as given for Sheep Ears using Yarn B.

SHEEP HORNS (MAKE 2)

Start at Head edge.



Cast on 11 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Note There is no need to pick up wraps, they will not be visible in garter st.

Row 4 Knit to last 2 sts, w&t, knit to last 2 sts, w&t, knit to end.

Rows 5 to 12 Rep Rows 1 to 4 twice.

Row 13 Knit.

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



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



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



3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of 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.



Row 14 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 15 Knit.

Row 16 Rep Row 4.

Rows 17 to 20 Rep Rows 13 to 16. [7 sts]

Row 21 (K2tog) 3 times, K1. [4 sts]

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

COW HORNS

Work as given for Sheep Horns using Yarn D.

SHEEP TAIL

Start at tip.

Cast on 10 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (loop) to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, (kfb) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 3 Rep Row 1.

Row 4 K4, kfb, K8, kfb, K4. [20 sts]

Row 5 Rep Row 1.

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 7 to 10 Rep Rows 5 to 6 twice.

Row 11 Rep Row 1.

Cast off.

COW TAIL

Start at tip.

Cast on 6 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (loop) to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, (kfb) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]

Rows 3 and 5 Rep Row 1.

Rows 4 and 6 Knit.

Row 7 Rep Row 1.

Row 8 K1, (k2tog, K1) 3 times. [7 sts]

Row 9 Rep Row 1.

Rows 10 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

SHEEP CLOVER

Start at first petal.

Cast on 5 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (RS) Sl1, K1, (kfb) twice, turn leaving 1 st unworked. [7 sts]

Row 2 P5, turn.

Row 3 K5, turn.

Rows 4 to 7 Rep Rows 2 to 3 twice.

Row 8 Push bobble to RS, p2tog, P1, p2tog, turn. [5 sts]

Row 9 (K2tog) twice, lift 2nd and 3rd sts on RH needle over first. [1 st]



Row 10 Cast on 4 sts for next petal. [5 sts]
Rep Rows 1 to 10 twice more to make 3 petals in total, then rep Rows 1 to 9 once more to make fourth petal.
Fasten off and gather petals tog at centre.

COW FLOWER

Work as given for Sheep Clover using Yarn E.

COW FLOWER CENTRE

Cast on 3 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Sl1, kfbf, turn leaving 1 st unworked. [5 sts]

Row 2 P3, turn.

Row 3 K3, turn.

Row 4 P3, turn.

Row 5 Push bobble to RS, (k2tog) twice, lift 2nd and 3rd sts on RH needle over first and fasten off.

MAKING UP

Use mattress stitch for seaming st st, and overcast/oversew to seam loop fabric. Follow the same instructions for both animals unless otherwise instructed.

Body Fold piece in half, sew cast-off edge tog (seam runs along top

spine), sew side edges tog (seam runs down front), stuff and sew cast-on edge tog (seam runs down underside).

Head Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you go, and gather cast-on sts tog at bottom (seam runs down centre back). Attach buttons for eyes using markers as a guide and remove markers.

Ears Sew side edges tog (seam faces centre back), and gather cast-on sts tog. Sew through all layers at base of Ear a few times to create a pinched effect. Then sew gathered cast-on sts of each Ear onto side of Head below first loop row at top of Head.

Horns Sew side edges tog and stuff, and sew cast-on edge onto looped top of Head. For Sheep, sew Horns onto top of Head with Horns facing backwards, and for Cow sew Horns onto sides of Head just above Ears.

Clover/Flower For Cow Flower, sew Cow Flower Centre piece on top of petals before attaching to Head. Sew gathered bundle of Clover or Flower petals onto bottom side of Head.

Join Head and Body Sew back of st st part of Head over front corner of Body.

Tail Sew side edges tog, lightly stuffing tip, and sew cast-off edge over back corner of Body.

Legs For each Leg, sew side edges tog, stuff, and sew cast-on edge onto bottom of Body at each corner. ●

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- Rowan Felted Tweed (DK, 50% wool, 25% viscose, 25% alpaca, 50g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Stitch holders
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

TENSION

24 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Main Pattern using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

For yarn stockists contact Rowan on 01924 371501 or www.knitrowan.com

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- Wool Warehouse
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- Ewe Wool Shop
www.i-love-ewe.com

KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Sl pwise wyif on RS; Sl pwise wyib on WS
- Sl pwise wyib on RS; Sl pwise wyif on WS

CHART A

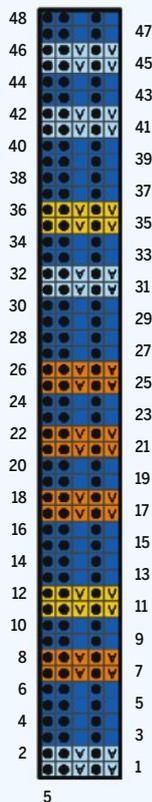
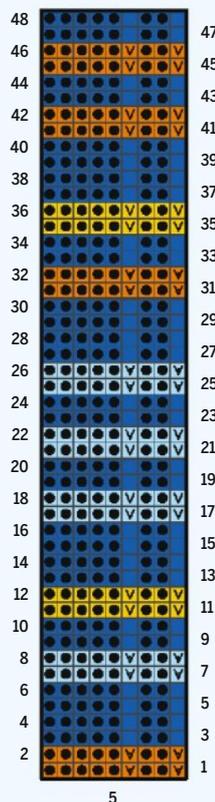


CHART B



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

COLOURWORK JUMPER

Notes All panels are knitted from the bottom-up following a repeated slip-stitch pattern. The garment is finished with a 1x1 slip-stitch rib trim detail on the hem, cuff, and V neckline. Once blocked, each panel is mattress seamed together afterwards.

1X1 SLIP-STITCH RIB PATTERN

- Row 1 (RS)** Using Yarn A, P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
- Row 2** K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
- Row 3** Using Yarn C, P1, *sl1wyib, P1; rep from * to end of row.
- Row 4** K1, *sl1wyif, K1; rep from * to end of row.
- Rows 5 and 6** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 7 and 8** Using Yarn B, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 9 and 10** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 11 and 12** Using Yarn D, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 13 and 14** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 15 and 16** Using Yarn B, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 17 and 18** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 19 and 20** Using Yarn C, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 21 and 22** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 23 and 24** Using Yarn D, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 25 and 26** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 27 and 28** Using Yarn C, rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 29 and 30** Using Yarn A, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 31 and 32** Using Yarn B, rep Rows 3 and 4.

MAIN BODY PATTERN (WORKED OVER 5 STS)

- Repeats of Rows 3 and 4 are always worked in Yarn A.
- Row 1 (RS)** Using Yarn C, sl1wyif, P1, sl1wyif, P2.
 - Row 2** K2, sl1wyib, K1, sl1wyib.
 - Row 3** Using Yarn A, K1, P1, K1, P2.
 - Row 4** K2, P1, K1, P1.
 - Row 5 and 6** Rep Rows 3 and 4.
 - Row 7 and 8** Using Yarn B, rep Rows 1 and 2.
 - Row 9 and 10** Rep Rows 3 and 4.
 - Row 11** Using Yarn D, sl1wyib, P1, sl1wyib, P2.
 - Row 12** K2, sl1wyif, K1, sl1wyif.

FIND YOUR SIZE

| SIZE | | 6 | 10 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 30 | 32 | 36 |
|------------------------------|---|------|------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| TO FIT BUST | cm | 76 | 86 | 96 | 102 | 112 | 117 | 127 | 137 | 142 | 152 |
| | in | 30 | 34 | 38 | 40 | 44 | 46 | 50 | 54 | 56 | 60 |
| ACTUAL BUST | cm | 88.5 | 96.5 | 105 | 113.5 | 121.5 | 130 | 138.5 | 146.5 | 155 | 163.5 |
| | in | 34¾ | 38 | 41¼ | 44¾ | 47¾ | 51¼ | 54½ | 57¾ | 61 | 64¾ |
| LENGTH | cm | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51.5 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 54 | 54 | 54 |
| | in | 19 | 19¼ | 19¾ | 20¾ | 20½ | 20¾ | 21¼ | 21¼ | 21¼ | 21¼ |
| SLEEVE LENGTH | cm | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 47 |
| | in | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 |
| YARN | Rowan Felted Tweed (DK, 50% wool, 25% viscose, 25% alpaca, 50g/175m) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yarn A Seafarer (170) | | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
| Yarn B Ginger (154) | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Yarn C Watery (152) | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Yarn D Sulfur (220) | | 1 | 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



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- Rows 13 to 16 Rep Rows 3 and 4 twice.
- Rows 17 and 18 Using Yarn B, rep Rows 11 and 12.
- Rows 19 and 20 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 21 to 24 Rep Rows 17 to 20.
- Rows 25 and 26 Using Yarn B, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 27 to 30 Rep Rows 3 and 4 twice.
- Rows 31 to 34 Rep Rows 1 to 4.
- Rows 35 to 40 Rep Rows 11 to 16.
- Rows 41 and 42 Using Yarn C, rep Rows 11 and 12.
- Rows 43 and 44 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 45 to 48 Rep Rows 41 to 44.

MAIN SLEEVE PATTERN (WORKED OVER 9 STS)

- Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn B, sl1wyif, P2, sl1wyif, P5.
- Row 2 K5, sl1wyib, K2, sl1wyib.
- Row 3 Using Yarn A, K1, P2, K1, P5.
- Row 4 K5, P1, K2, P1.
- Rows 5 and 6 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 7 and 8 Using Yarn C, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 9 and 10 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Row 11 Using Yarn D, sl1wyib, P2, sl1wyib, P5.
- Row 12 K5, sl1wyif, K2, sl1wyif.
- Rows 13 to 16 Rep Rows 3 and 4 twice.
- Rows 17 and 18 Using Yarn C, rep Rows 11 and 12.
- Rows 19 and 20 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 21 to 24 Rep Rows 17 to 20.
- Rows 25 and 26 Using Yarn C, rep Rows 1 and 2.
- Rows 27 to 30 Rep Rows 3 and 4 twice.

- Rows 31 to 34 Rep Rows 1 to 4.
- Rows 35 to 40 Rep Rows 11 to 16.
- Rows 41 and 42 Using Yarn B, rep Rows 11 and 12.
- Rows 43 and 44 Rep Rows 3 and 4.
- Rows 45 to 48 Rep Rows 41 to 44.

BACK

Cast on 85 (93: 101: 109: 117: 125: 133: 141: 149: 157) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.
Work in 1x1 Slip Stitch Rib Pattern for 32 rows.

Using Yarn A only, cont as foll:

Inc row (WS) Kfb, K1 *kfb, K1, P1, K1; rep from * another 19 (21: 23: 25: 27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37) times, kfb, K1, kfb.
[108 (118: 128: 138: 148: 158: 168: 178: 188: 198) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Set-up row 1 (RS) P2, K1, P2, PM, *K1, P1, K1, P2; rep from * another 19 (21: 23: 25: 27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37) times, PM, K1, P2.
Row 2 K2, P1, sl SM, *K2, P1, K1, P1; rep from * another 19 (21: 23: 25: 27: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37) times, sl SM, K2, P1, K2.

You will now work Rows 1 to 48 of Main Body Pattern (see Chart A). For edge stitches, use the yarn colour specified for the pattern section in the written instructions and Chart A.

Row 1 P2, K1, P2, sl SM, work Row 1 of Main Body Pattern 20 (22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32: 34: 36: 38) times across the row, sl SM, K1, P2.
Row 2 K2, P1, sl SM, work Row 2 of Main Body Pattern 20 (22: 24: 26: 28: 30: 32: 34: 36: 38) times across the row, sl SM, K2, P1, K2.

Cont in patt as set, working Main Body Pattern throughout until work meas 28cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Keeping patt correct and removing markers when you come to them, **cast off** 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [100 (108: 118: 126: 136: 144: 154: 162: 172: 180) sts]

COLOURWORK JUMPER

Dec 1 st at the beg and end of next 4 (6: 8: 10: 12: 12: 16: 18: 22: 28) rows. [92 (96: 102: 106: 112: 120: 122: 126: 128: 124) sts]

Dec 1 st at the beg and end of 3rd row and 3 (3: 5: 5: 6: 6: 8: 8: 9: 9: 7) foll RS rows. [84 (88: 90: 94: 98: 102: 104: 106: 108: 108) sts]

Next row (WS) P1, PM, keeping patt correct, work Main Body Pattern until last st, PM, P1.***

Cont in patt as set, working edge sts in garter st until work measures approx 20 (21: 22: 23.5: 24: 25: 26: 26: 26: 26.5)cm from start of armhole shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHOULDER SHAPING:

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 8 rows. [52 (48: 50: 54: 58: 54: 56: 58: 60: 60) sts]

Cast off 5 (3: 4: 6: 7: 5: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Place rem 42 (42: 42: 44: 44: 44: 46: 48: 48) sts onto a stitch holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to ***.

Cont in patt as set, working edge sts in garter st until work measures approx 7.5 (8.5: 10: 11: 11: 13: 13: 13: 13: 14)cm from armhole shaping, ending after a WS row.

LEFT NECKLINE

Next row (RS) Patt 41 (43: 44: 46: 48: 50: 51: 52: 53: 53) sts and turn to work on these sts only, transferring rem 43 (45: 46: 48: 50: 52: 53: 54: 55: 55) sts onto a stitch holder.

SIZES 20, 22, 26, 30, 32 AND 36 ONLY

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of next - (-: -: -: 1: 2: 2: 2: 4: 6) rows. [- (-: -: -: 47: 48: 49: 50: 49: 47) sts]

ALL SIZES

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of every RS row 20 (20: 20: 20: 20: 19: 19: 20: 19: 17) times. [21 (23: 24: 26: 27: 29: 30: 30: 30: 30) sts]

Cont to work in patt as set until work measures same as Back, ending after a WS row.

SHOULDER SHAPING

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next row and foll 3 RS rows. [5 (3: 4: 6: 7: 5: 6: 6: 6) sts]

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (3: 4: 6: 7: 5: 6: 6: 6) sts.



RIGHT NECKLINE

Slip central 2 sts onto stitch holder and with RS facing, transfer the rem 41 (43: 44: 46: 48: 50: 51: 52: 53: 53) sts onto 4mm needle.

Next row (WS) Patt to end.

SIZES 20, 22, 26, 30, 32 AND 36 ONLY

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of next - (-: -: -: 1: 2: 2: 2: 4: 6) rows. [- (-: -: -: 47: 48: 49: 50: 49: 47) sts]

ALL SIZES

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of every RS row 20 (20: 20: 20: 20: 19: 19: 20: 19: 17) times. [21 (23: 24: 26: 27: 29: 30: 30: 30: 30) sts]

Cont to work in patt as set until work measures same as Back, ending after a RS row.

SHOULDER SHAPING

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at beg of next row and foll 3 WS rows. [5 (3: 4: 6: 7: 5: 6: 6: 6) sts]

Patt 1 row.

Cast off rem 5 (3: 4: 6: 7: 5: 6: 6: 6) sts.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 37 (41: 41: 45: 49: 49: 53: 57: 57: 61) sts using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 1x1 Slip Stitch Rib Pattern for 32 rows.

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



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



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



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



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

Inc row 1 (WS) Kfb, *P1, kfb; rep from * to end.
[56 (62: 62: 68: 74: 74: 80: 86: 86: 92) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row P2, *K1, P2; rep from * to end.

SIZES 6, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22 AND 26 ONLY

Inc row 2 (WS) K2, P1, *(kfb) twice, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to last 5 sts, (kfb) twice, P1, K2. [74 (82: 82: 90: 98: 98: 106: -: -: -) sts]

Next row (RS) P2, K1, *P4, K1, P2, K1; rep from * to last 7 sts, P4, K1, P2.

Inc row 3 K2, P1, *K1, kfb, K2, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to last 7 sts, K1, kfb, K2, P1, K2. [83 (92: 92: 101: 110: 110: 119: -: -: -) sts]

SIZES 30, 32 AND 36 ONLY

Inc row 2 (WS) (Kfb) twice, P1, *(kfb) twice, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to last 5 sts, (kfb) twice, P1, (kfb) twice. [- (-: -: -: -: -: 118: 118: 126) sts]

Next row (RS) P4, K1, *P4, K1, P2, K1; rep from * to last 9 sts, P4, K1, P4.

Inc row 3 K4, P1, *K1, kfb, K2, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to last 9 sts, K1, kfb, K2, P1, K4. [- (-: -: -: -: -: 132: 132: 141) sts]

ALL SIZES

SET MAIN SLEEVE PATTERN

Set-up row 1 (RS) P2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4), K1, P5, PM, *K1, P2, K1, P5; rep from * to last 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 3: 5: 5: 5) sts, K1, P to end.

Set-up row 2 K2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4), P1, sl SM, *K5, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to SM, sl SM, K5, P1, K to end.

You will now work Rows 1 to 48 of Main Sleeve Pattern (see Chart B). For edge stitches, use the yarn colour specified for the pattern section in the written instructions and Chart B.

Row 1 P2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4), K1, P5, sl SM, work Row 1 of Main Sleeve Pattern, rep 9-st pattern to mrk, sl SM, K1, P to end.

Row 2 K2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4), P1, sl SM, work Row 2 of Main Sleeve Pattern, rep 9-st pattern to mrk, sl SM, K1, P to end.

Cont in patt as set, working Main Sleeve Pattern throughout until work meas 47cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SLEEVEHEAD SHAPING

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [75 (82: 82: 89: 98: 96: 105: 116: 116: 123) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 0 (4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 4: 4: 4) rows.
[75 (74: 70: 77: 86: 84: 93: 108: 108: 115) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4: 2: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 12: 12) RS rows.
[67 (66: 66: 65: 70: 68: 77: 88: 84: 91) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end next 4 (2: 2: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0) 4th rows.
[59 (62: 62: 65: 70: 68: 77: 88: 84: 91) sts]

Cont working in patt as set for 5 (9: 11: 13: 13: 13: 13: 11: 7: 11) rows, ending after a RS row.

Dec 1 st at each end next 4 (5: 7: 9: 9: 11: 13: 13: 16: 16) RS rows.
[51 (52: 48: 47: 52: 46: 51: 62: 52: 59) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 6 (6: 4: 4: 6: 4: 6: 6: 6) rows.
[39 (40: 40: 39: 40: 38: 39: 50: 40: 47) sts]

Cast off 4 (4: 4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 8: 6: 8) sts at the beg of the next 6 (6: 6: 4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 4) rows.

Cast off rem 15 (16: 16: 15: 16: 14: 15: 18: 16: 15) sts.

NECKBAND

Using a tapestry needle and Yarn A, and using mattress stitch, join left shoulder seam.

Using 3.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K42 (42: 42: 42: 44: 44: 44: 46: 48: 48) sts from held Back sts, pick up 41 (41: 41: 41: 41: 43: 43: 43: 43: 43) sts down right Front neck shaping, PM, return 2 central Front neck sts to needle and knit them tog, PM, pick up 41 (41: 41: 41: 41: 43: 43: 43: 43: 43) sts up left Front neck shaping.
[125 (125: 125: 125: 127: 131: 131: 133: 135: 135) sts]

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

Row 3 Using Yarn C, P1, *sl1wyib, P1; rep to end, slipping markers.

Row 4 K1 *sl1wyif, K1; rep to 2 sts before marker, p2tog, sl SM, sl1wyif, sl SM, p2tog tbl, K1, *sl1wyif, K1; rep from * to end.
[2 sts dec'd]

Row 5 Using Yarn A, P1 *K1, P1; rep to 1 st before marker, P1, sl SM, K1, sl SM, P1 *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.

Row 6 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to 3 sts before marker, P1, ssk, sl SM, P1, sl SM, k2tog, *P1, K1; rep from * to end. [2 sts dec'd]

Rows 7 to 22 Rep Rows 3 to 6 another 4 times using the following sequence:

2 rows using Yarn B.

2 rows using Yarn A.

2 rows using Yarn D.

2 rows using Yarn A.

2 rows using Yarn B.

2 rows using Yarn A.

2 rows using Yarn C.

2 rows using Yarn A.

Cast off in rib using Yarn A.

MAKING UP

Weave in all ends and wet block all the panels to the schematic measurements. Using a tapestry needle and Yarn A, use mattress stitch to join right shoulder and neckband seams. Steam block neckband. Join sleeveheads into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams using mattress stitch. Weave in all ends. 



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

SUPPLE STITCHES

Q Do you have any recommendations for how to deal with joint pain when knitting? I love knitting but can't do it as much as I want to because it hurts my wrists. ■ **Mary Lynn**

To keep doing the things we enjoy, we need to look after our bodies so we can keep going. Taking regular breaks and stretching our fingers, wrists and forearms can be helpful. If you have a tendency to get lost in a project, set yourself a timer for every 20-30 minutes to remind you to take a break. Set

yourself up in a comfortable position, put cushions under your elbows to support your arms, prop charts or pattern instructions on a stand so you can glance at them easily. These things can all help keep your body supported. You could also have different projects on the go, so if working a particular stitch pattern puts strain on your wrists you could switch to a different one. Consider changing the tools you're using to support your needs. Some people find shorter or longer tip lengths on circular needles can help. There are also square knitting needles which have been designed to help reduce joint pain as they're easier to grip. **Cory**



Exercise your arms, wrists and hands regularly during knitting sessions



KNIT GURU

HOW TO MAKE THE PERFECT TASSEL

Add charm to your knits with this quick and easy embellishment! **Kirstie McLeod** shows you how...

Tassels are an easy way to add style to your projects. Brighten up a cushion with tassels on each corner, or give a beanie a fun twist with a colourful tassel on top! Got leftover yarn from a project? This is the perfect way to use it up. All you need is your yarn, scissors, and a piece of cardboard.

1 Cut out a piece of card that's about 5cm wide and as long as you'd like your tassel to be. Make a 1cm cut on one of the short ends of the card. Tie a knot in one end of your yarn and secure it in the slot.

2 Wrap the yarn around the length of the card to the thickness you require. If you'd like to use more than one colour, knot the





Refresh the necks of old jumpers with a tried and tested technique

BAGGY NECKLINE

Q I've got a few jumpers that I've knitted over the past year or so and the necklines have stretched out. I like a crew neck on my jumpers and these have become all loose and wide. Is there any way I can fix my jumpers?

David Pierce

It sounds like you wear your knitted jumpers a lot which is lovely to hear. Fabric can stretch over time, wear and tear happens to all garments. All is not lost though, there are a couple of solutions you can try. Firstly, you could sew some shirring elastic through the collar or neckline of the garment which

will provide some elasticity and cinch the neckline back in. The other thing you could try is going in with a crochet hook and doing a slip stitch chain around the base or the top of the neckline depending on the garment and how exactly the neck has stretched. Make sure you use a crochet hook smaller than the current gauge of the garment that will pull the neckline in and give it some added strength to stop stretching happening in the future. This crochet slip-stitch reinforcement can also be used as a preventative measure.

Jen



Reinforce your necklines with a crochet slip-stitch edge



SWATCH OR NOT?

Q I find gauge swatching for projects such a waste of time. Every time I do it, my project turns out different to the swatch anyway. What am I doing wrong?

Sophie Wood

There are a number of things to consider when swatching to make sure your gauge is accurate. Use the same needles and yarn you will be using for the project, metal needles are smoother and wooden needles have more grip so stitch/row size can be different. Swatch in the same style you'll be working in, if you're going to be working in the round, you need to swatch in the round. An important thing to remember is the larger your swatch, the more accurate the gauge will be. Ideally, make a swatch which is 12 x 12cm to give you enough room to measure 10cm without needing to count the edge stitches which are often a little distorted. Finish the swatch the same way you'll finish the finished item. If you'll soak it and leave it flat to dry, do that. After it's dry, give the swatch a shake out and measure without pulling or stretching it. Try using a flat ruler rather than a bendy one, this helps you get a more accurate reading. **Sophie**



Swatch in the correct way and get an accurate measurement every time



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yarns together at the base of the card and carry on wrapping around.

3 Cut a small length of yarn and thread onto a needle. Pass the needle under the yarn wraps at the top of the cardboard and tie the two ends in a knot to secure. Cut through the bottom wraps of the tassel and snip off the starting knot from Step 1.

4 Cut another length of yarn and wrap it tightly around the tassel, approx 2cm from the top, to form the head. Thread the yarn end onto a needle and insert it down inside the head wraps. Trim the end to the same length as the tassel.

TRY IT OUT
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KEEP IT HANDY

Prettify those practical elements with this trio of pretty wrist straps in a pastel shade. They're perfect for keys! By **Nicola Valiji**

NOT TOO tricky!

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Cottonsoft DK (100% cotton, 100g/210m)
1 ball of each
Yarn A Apple (1851)
Yarn B Cloud (1575)
Yarn C White (710)
Yarn D Mint (715)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Three lobster clips

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Strap length 13cm (5¼in), not including lobster clip

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

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
- SMD Knitting**
0800 622 6225 or www.knittingwool.com



**PRETTY WRISTBANDS
PICOT EDGE STRAP**

- Cast on** 57 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
- Rows 1 to 4** Beg on a RS knit row, work in st st.
- Row 5** (picot edge) K1, (yo, k2tog) to end.
- Rows 6 to 8** Beg on a WS purl row, work in st st. Break Yarn C and join Yarn A.
- Row 9** Knit.
- Row 10** Purl.
- Row 11** (ribbon holes) K1, (yo, k2tog) to end.
- Row 12** Purl.
- Row 13** Knit. Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.
- Rows 14 to 16** Beg on a WS purl row, work in st st.
- Row 17** (picot edge) K1, (yo, k2tog) to end.
- Rows 18 to 21** Beg on a WS purl row, work in st st.
- Cast off.**

"I'm a huge fan of creating practical uses for knitting, and these fun wrist strap designs by Nicola Valiji really bring the knitted joy to keeping track of your keys!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



RIBBON

- Cast on** 60 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
- Cast off.**

SLIP-STITCH STRAP

- Cast on** 57 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
- Rows 1 to 4** Knit.

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.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 Purl.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

Row 6 (K1, s1wyib) to last st, K1.

Row 7 (K1, s1wyib) to last st, K1.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn D.

Rows 8 to 9 Knit.

Break Yarn D and join Yarn A.

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 Purl.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

Row 12 Rep Row 6.

Row 13 Rep Row 7.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn B.

Rows 14 to 16 Knit.

Cast off.

PLAITED STRAP

PLAIT SECTIONS

Make 1 each in Yarn A, B and D.

Cast on 70 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Cast off.

END CAP

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Rows 1 to 6 Beg on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

HANGING TAGS

Make 2 in Yarn B and 1 in Yarn D.

Cast on 15 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 Purl.

Cast off

MAKING UP

Picot Edge Strap Fold over the outer edges of the Strap to make the picot edge, and secure on the wrong side. Weave the Ribbon in and out of the holes in the middle of the Strap and sew into place. Fold the piece in half and sew the row edges together. Fold the Yarn D Hanging Tag in half, threading through the lobster clip and sew both ends to the seamed edge of the Strap.

Slipped Stitch Strap Fold the Strap in half and sew the row edges together. Fold a Yarn B Hanging Tag in half, threading through the lobster clip and sew both ends to the seamed edge of the Strap.

Plaited Strap Plait the three Plait Sections together, sewing them together at each end so they don't unravel. Fold the Strap in half and sew the top and bottom of the plait together. Fold the End Cap over the joined seam of the Strap and sew into place. Fold a Yarn B Hanging Tag in half, threading through the lobster clip and sew both ends to the End Cap. ●

NEXT MONTH

If accessories are your thing, next issue we've got a cute toadstool keyring to brighten your day! Issue 261 is on sale on 19 February 2025.





TAKE A BREAK

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



CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD

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FIND AND UNSCRAMBLE THE KEY WORD!

ACROSS

- 1 Creepy crawlies? (7)
- 5 Large, warm bed covering (7)
- 9 Royal dog? (5)
- 10 Say sorry (9)
- 11 Take legal action (3)
- 12 Group of sheep (5)
- 13 Fragrance (5)
- 14 Cowboy contest (5)
- 16 Indigenous (6)
- 18 Stitch pattern that produces a reversible, ridged fabric (6)
- 19 Small Spanish savoury dishes (5)
- 22 Steam room (5)
- 24 Enduring hardship without complaining (5)
- 26 Wise bird (3)
- 27 Starts (9)
- 29 Dominant member of a group (5)
- 30 First book of the Bible (7)
- 31 Land suitable for grazing (7)

DOWN

- 1 Sharp tooth at the front of the mouth (7)
- 2 Admit defeat (9)
- 3 Sir --- Richard, singing legend (5)
- 4 Spring or summer, egg (6)
- 5 Relax knitting by soaking in water (5)
- 6 *Much* --- *About Nothing*, Shakespeare play (3)
- 7 Cutting utensil (5)
- 8 Playhouse (7)
- 13 Clever (5)
- 15 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 17 Unplanned (9)
- 18 Young goose (7)
- 20 Edge on fabric to prevent unravelling (7)
- 21 Tittle-tattle (6)
- 23 Organisation that represents workers (5)
- 24 Locations (5)
- 25 Mayhem (5)
- 28 --- *A Wonderful Life*, festive film (3)

IT'S SUDOKU TIME!

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Key word CHAMPAGNE
 Across 1 Insects, 5 Blanket, 9 Corgi, 10 Apologise, 11 Sue, 12 Flock, 13 Scent, 14 Rodeo, 16 Native, 18 Garter, 19 Tapas, 22 Samba, 24 Stole, 26 Owl, 27 Initiates, 29 Alpha, 30 Genesis, 31 Pasture, Down 1 Incisor, 2 Surrender, 3 Cliff, 4 Season, 5 Block, 6 Ado, 7 Knife, 8 Theatre, 13 Smart, 15 Omega, 17 Improbability, 18 Gossip, 20 Selvaige, 21 Gossip, 23 Union, 24 Sites, 25 Chaos, 28 It's.

ISSUE 260 CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

SURFACE SAVERS

Craft stylish and durable handmade mug mats, knitted and felted to protect your table tops. By **Claire Fairall**

NOT
TOO
tricky!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Drops Nepal Aran (65% wool, 35% alpaca, 50g/75m)
1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Black (8903)
- Yarn B** Grey Mix (0501)
- Yarn C** Orange Mix (2920)
- Yarn D** Blue Ice (6220)
- Yarn E** Olive Mix (7238)
- A pair of 5mm needles
- A stitch marker

TENSION

18 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter stitch using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 10cm (4in) square

ABBREVIATIONS

C&T Cut yarn, leaving a long end. Thread it through remaining stitches

For a full list see page 77

"I'm always a bit nervous about felting my knitting because I can't control the outcome. But these strong-shaped coasters felted up beautifully, and look super modern."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



FELTED COASTERS

Cast on 51 sts using 5mm needles, the cable cast-on method and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) K26, PM, K25.

Row 2 (RS) Knit to 2 sts before marker, skpo, slSM, K1, skpo, knit to end of row. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 3 Knit to marker, slSM, knit to end of row.

Row 4 to 11 Rep Rows 2 and 3 a further 4 times. [41 sts]
Change to Yarn B.

Rows 12 to 31 Rep Rows 2 and 3 a further 10 times. [21 sts]
Change to Yarn C, D or E.

Rows 32 to 47 Rep Rows 2 and 3 a further 8 times. [5 sts]

Row 48 Skpo, remove marker, K1, skpo. [3 sts]

Row 49 Knit.

Row 50 Sl1, k2tog, pssso

Cut and thread yarn through last st pull tight. Weave in ends.

FELTING

The coasters will shrink, and the fibres will mat together to form felt in the washing machine.

- 1** Place the coasters with a hand towel in the washing machine drum. Add a standard amount of non-bio, bleach-free laundry detergent. Use a 40°C cotton wash cycle with normal spin length.
- 2** Once the wash cycle is finished remove the coasters and whilst they are still wet, ease them into shape – approx 10cm square.
- 3** Leave to dry at room temperature.
- 4** As they are made from pure wool, felted coasters are heat resistant, and will protect your furniture. Once felted these coasters can be handwashed. ●

STEP-BY-STEP CABLE CAST-ON METHOD



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.

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SUNDAY BEST

Delicate lace and playful cables combine to create a charming knit that's perfect for your little ones. By **Bergère de France**



TRY A
NEW
stitch!

KIDS' CARDIGAN



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Bergère de France, Coton Mérinos (DK, 50% cotton, 50% merino wool, 50g/95m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 3.5mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A 4mm circular needle, 80-100cm long
- Cable needle (cn)

- Stitch holders
- 5 buttons, 18mm diameter

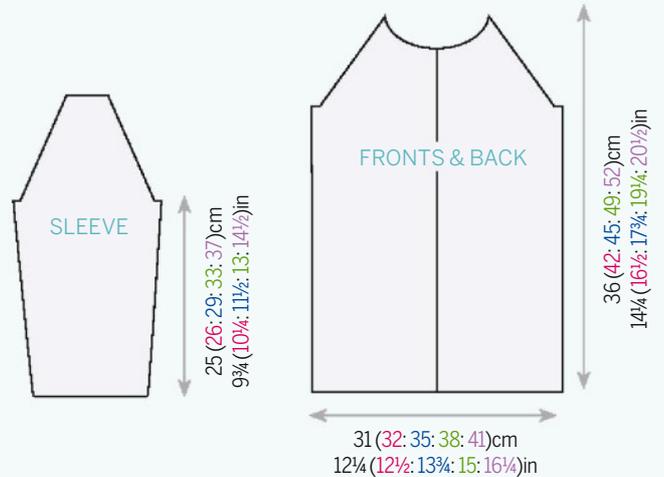
TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

- C4B** Slip next 2 sts to cn and hold at back, K2; K2 from cn
- C4F** Slip next 2 sts to cn and hold at front, K2; K2 from cn

For a full list see page 77



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- C4B
- C4F
- Size 8 yrs work cable sts in st st
- Size 6 yrs work cable sts in st st
- P2tog
- Yo
- K1tbl on WS
- K2tog
- Skpo
- P3tog
- No stitch
- Work in rev st st as indicated
- Repeat
- 3 years
- 4 years
- 6 years
- 8 years
- 10 years

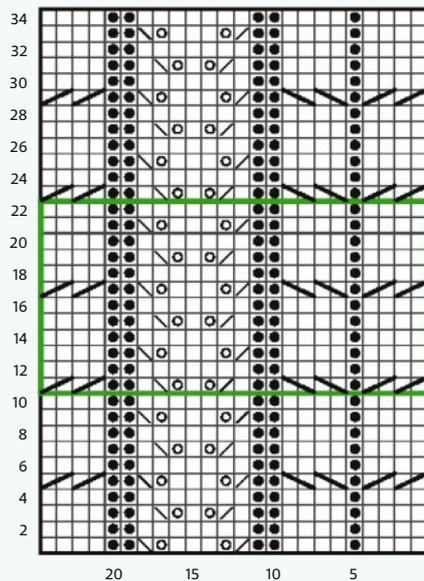
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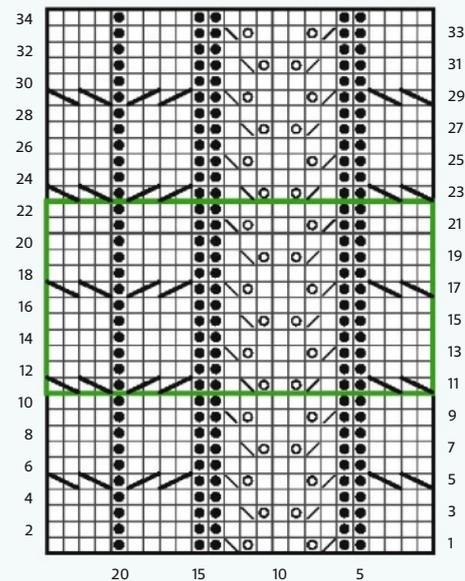
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

PATTERN STITCH A



PATTERN STITCH B



KIDS' CARDIGAN STITCH PATTERNS

PATTERN STITCH A

- Row 1 (RS)** K4, P1, K4, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, K4.
- Row 2 and all WS rows** Purl.
- Row 3** K4, P1, K4, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, K4.
- Row 5** C4B, P1, C4F, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, C4B.
- Row 7** K4, P1, K4, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, K4.
- Row 9** K4, P1, K4, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, K4.
- Row 11** C4B, P1, C4F, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, C4B.
- Row 12** Purl.

PATTERN STITCH B

- Row 1 (RS)** K4, P1, K4, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, K4.
- Row 2 and all WS rows** Purl.

- Row 3** K4, P1, K4, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, K4.
- Row 5** C4F, P1, C4B, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, C4F.
- Row 7** K4, P1, K4, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, K4.
- Row 9** K4, P1, K4, P2, k2tog, yon, K3, yon, skpo, P2, K4.
- Row 11** C4F, P1, C4B, P2, K1, k2tog, yon, K1, yon, skpo, K1, P2, C4F.
- Row 12** Purl.

BACK

Cast on 73 (75: 81: 87: 93) sts using 3.5mm needles.

SIZES 3YRS, 4YRS, 6YRS AND 10YRS ONLY

- Row 1 (RS)** *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.
- Row 2 (WS)** *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

FIND YOUR SIZE

| SIZE | | 3yrs | 4yrs | 6yrs | 8yrs | 10yrs |
|----------------|----|---|------|------|------|-------|
| TO FIT CHEST | cm | 56 | 58.5 | 63.5 | 67 | 71 |
| | in | 22 | 23 | 25 | 26½ | 28 |
| ACTUAL CHEST | cm | 62 | 64 | 70 | 76 | 82 |
| | in | 24½ | 25¼ | 27½ | 30 | 32¼ |
| LENGTH | cm | 36 | 42 | 45 | 49 | 52 |
| | in | 14¼ | 16½ | 17¾ | 19¼ | 20½ |
| SLEEVE LENGTH | cm | 25 | 26 | 29 | 33 | 37 |
| | in | 9¾ | 10¼ | 11½ | 13 | 14½ |
| YARN | | Bergère de France Coton Mérinos (DK, 50g/95m) | | | | |
| Papaye (10886) | | 6 | 6 | 7 | 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

SIZE 8YRS ONLY

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

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

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

ALL SIZES

Change to 4mm needles.

Set-up row (RS) P7 (7: 9: 10: 11), work Pattern Stitch A starting with Chart Row 1 (1: 9: 3: 7), P11 (13: 15: 19: 23), work Pattern Stitch B starting with Chart Row 1 (1: 9: 3: 7), P7 (7: 9: 10: 11).

Next row (WS) K7 (7: 9: 10: 11), work next row of Pattern Stitch B, K11 (13: 15: 19: 23), work next row of Pattern Stitch A, K7 (7: 9: 10: 11).

Continue in patt as set for rev st st panels and cable and lace motifs until work measures 21 (24: 27: 30: 33) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a Row 6 of Cable A Stitch pattern.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 (3: 5: 6: 7) sts, P3, K4, P1, yon, K4, p2tog, P7, p2tog, K4, yon, P11 (13: 15: 19: 23), yon, K4, p2tog, P7, p2tog, K4, yon, P1, K4, P7 (7: 9: 10: 11).

Next row (WS) Cast off 3 (3: 5: 6: 7) sts, work the rest of the sts as they present, working each yon through the back loop. Leave rem 67 (69: 71: 75: 79) sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 34 (35: 38: 41: 44) sts using 3.5mm needles.

SIZES 3YRS, 6YRS AND 10YRS ONLY

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

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

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times,

SIZES 4YRS AND 8YRS ONLY

Work 8 rows of ribbing as for Back.

ALL SIZES

Change to 4mm needles.

Set-up row (RS) P7 (7: 9: 10: 11), work Pattern Stitch A starting with Chart Row 1 (1: 9: 3: 7), P3 (4: 5: 7: 9).

Next row (WS) K3 (4: 5: 7: 9), work next row of Pattern Stitch A, K7 (7: 9: 10: 11).

Continue in patt as set for rev st st panels and cable and lace motifs until work measures 21 (24: 27: 30: 33) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a Row 6 of Cable A Stitch Pattern.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 (3: 5: 6: 7) sts, P3, K4, P1, yon, K4, p2tog, P7, p2tog, K4, yon, P3 (4: 5: 7: 9).

Next row (WS) Work the sts as they present, working each yon through the back loop. Leave rem 31 (32: 33: 35: 37) sts on a stitch holder.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 34 (35: 38: 41: 44) sts using 3.5mm needles.



SIZES 3YRS, 6YRS AND 10YRS ONLY

Row 1 (RS) *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

SIZES 4YRS AND 8YRS ONLY

Work 8 rows of ribbing as for Back for size being made.

ALL SIZES

Change to 4mm needles.
Set-up row (RS) P3 (4: 5: 7: 9), work Pattern Stitch B starting with Chart Row 1 (1: 9: 3: 7), P7 (7: 9: 10: 11).
Next row (WS) K7 (7: 9: 10: 11), work next row of Pattern Stitch B, K3 (4: 5: 7: 9).

Continue in patt as set for rev st st panels and cable and lace motifs until work measures 21 (24: 27: 30: 33) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a Row 6 of Cable A Stitch Pattern.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Next row (RS) P3 (4: 5: 7: 9), yon, K4, p2tog, P7, p2tog, K4, yon, P1, K4, P7 (7: 9: 10: 11).
Next row (WS) Cast off 3 (3: 5: 6: 7) sts, work the rest of the sts as they present, working each yon through the back loop.
 Leave rem 31 (32: 33: 35: 37) sts on a stitch holder.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 39 (39: 41: 43: 45) sts using 3.5mm needles.

SIZES 3YRS, 4YRS AND 8YRS ONLY

Row 1 (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 2 (WS) *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.
 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times, increasing 1 st at each end of the final WS row. [41 (41: -: 45: -) sts]

SIZES 6YRS AND 10YRS ONLY

Row 1 (RS) *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.
Row 2 (WS) *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.
 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times, increasing 1 st at each end of the final WS row. [- (: 43: -: 47) sts]

ALL SIZES

Change to 4mm needles.
Chart note: The sleeve increases 2 sts in from the edge are not shown on the chart.
 Follow Chart A according to the size you are making for 14 (12: 12: 12: 12) rows.
Next row (RS inc) Patt 2, M1, patt to last 2 sts, M1, patt 2.
 Rep inc row every foll 14th (12th: 12th: 12th: 12th) row, a further 2 (3: 2: 2: 2) times, then on every 10th row 0 (0: 2: 3: 4) times.
 [47 (49: 53: 57: 61) sts]

Continue to follow Chart A, without increasing, until you have worked 58 (60: 68: 78: 88) rows of the Chart. Work should measure approx 25 (26: 29: 33: 37) cm from cast-on edge.

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 (4: 4: 6: 6) sts, P2, p2tog, K4, P1, yon, P21 (21: 25: 25: 29), yon, P1, K4, p2tog, P to end.

Next row (WS) Cast off 3 (4: 4: 6: 6) sts, work the rest of the sts as they present, working each yon through the back loop.
 Leave rem 41 (41: 45: 45: 49) sts on a stitch holder.

YOKE

With WS facing, transfer 31 (32: 33: 35: 37) sts from the Left Front



holder onto a 4mm circular needle, 80-100cm long, transfer 41 (41: 45: 45: 49) sts from Sleeve holder, transfer 67 (69: 71: 75: 79) sts from Back holder, transfer 41 (41: 45: 45: 49) sts from Sleeve holder, transfer 31 (32: 33: 35: 37) sts from Right Front holder.
 [211 (215: 227: 235: 251) sts]

Follow Chart B, according to the size you are making, working the chart once through. [183 (187: 199: 207: 223) sts]

SIZES 3YRS, 4YRS AND 6YRS ONLY

Work 2 rows in rev st st starting with a RS purl row.
Next row (RS) P5 (6: 3: -: -), p2tog, [P5 (5: 6: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P15 (17: 13: -: -), p2tog, [P5 (5: 6: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P5 (6: 3: -: -).
 [159 (163: 175: -: -) sts]

Work 3 (5: 5: -: -) rows in rev st st.
Next row P5 (6: 3: -: -), p2tog, [P4 (4: 5: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P13 (15: 11: -: -), p2tog, [P4 (4: 5: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P5 (6: 3: -: -).
 [135 (139: 151: -: -) sts]

Work 3 (5: 5: -: -) rows in rev st st.
Next row P5 (6: 3: -: -), p2tog, [P3 (3: 4: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P11 (13: 9: -: -), p2tog, [P3 (3: 4: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P5 (6: 3: -: -).
 [111 (115: 127: -: -) sts]

Work 3 (5: 5: -: -) rows in rev st st.
Next row P5 (6: 3: -: -), p2tog, [P2 (2: 3: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P9 (11: 7: -: -), p2tog, [P2 (2: 3: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P5 (6: 3: -: -).
 [87 (91: 103: -: -) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: -: -) rows in rev st st.
Next row P5 (6: 3: -: -), p2tog, [P1 (1: 2: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P7 (9: 5: -: -), p2tog, [P1 (1: 2: -: -), p2tog] 11 times, P5 (6: 3: -: -).
 [63 (67: 79: -: -) sts]

SIZE 8YRS ONLY

Work 2 rows in rev st st starting with a RS purl row.
Next row (RS) P- (-: -: 4: -), p2tog, [P- (-: -: 6: -), p2tog, P- (-: -: 5: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (-: -: 15: -), p2tog, [P- (-: -: 5: -), p2tog, P- (-: -: 6: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (-: -: 4: -).
 [- (: -: 181: -) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 5: -), p2tog, P- (: : 4: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 13: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, P- (: : 5: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 4: -).
[- (: : 155: -) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, P- (: : 3: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 11: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 3: -), p2tog, P- (: : 4: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 4: -).
[- (: : 129: -) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 3: -), p2tog, P- (: : 2: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 9: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 2: -), p2tog, P- (: : 3: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 4: -).
[- (: : 103: -) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 4: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 2: -), p2tog, P- (: : 1: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 7: -), p2tog, [P- (: : 1: -), p2tog, P- (: : 2: -), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 4: -).
[- (: : 77: -) sts]

SIZE 10YRS ONLY

Work 2 rows in rev st st starting with a RS purl row.

Next row (RS) P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 6), p2tog, [P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 6), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 13), p2tog, [P- (: : 6), p2tog, P- (: : 5), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 6), p2tog, P- (: : 5).
[- (: : 195) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row [P- (: : 5), p2tog] twice, [P- (: : 4), p2tog, P- (: : 5), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 11), p2tog, [P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 4), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 5).
[- (: : 167) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 4), p2tog, [P- (: : 3), p2tog, P- (: : 4), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 9), p2tog, [P- (: : 4), p2tog, P- (: : 3), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 4), p2tog, P- (: : 5).
[- (: : 139) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 3), p2tog, [P- (: : 2), p2tog, P- (: : 3), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 7), p2tog, [P- (: : 3), p2tog, P- (: : 2), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 3), p2tog, P- (: : 5).
[- (: : 111) sts]

Work 5 rows in rev st st.

Next row P- (: : 5), p2tog, P- (: : 2), p2tog, [P- (: : 1), p2tog, P- (: : 2), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 5), p2tog, [P- (: : 2), p2tog, P- (: : 1), p2tog] 6 times, P- (: : 2), p2tog, P- (: : 5).
[- (: : 83) sts]

ALL SIZES

Work 3 (5: 5: 5) rows in rev st st.

NECKBAND

Change to 3.5mm needles.

On the first row of ribbing below, dec 0 (0: 8: 2: 4) sts evenly across the row. [63 (67: 71: 75: 79) sts]

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

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

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

Cast off all stitches.

FRONT BORDERS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 95 (105: 115: 125: 135) sts using 3.5mm needles.

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

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

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times.

Leave sts on a stitch holder.

MAKING UP

Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

Using backstitch, graft a border along each Front (see grafting a border at bergeredefrance.com/learn-knit-crochet).

Sew the side and Sleeve seams.

On the right front, make 5 buttonholes without cutting the yarn 1.5cm from the edge (see hints and tips at bergeredefrance.com/learn-knit-crochet), the 1st placed 1.5cm from the bottom, the 2nd placed 1.5cm from the top, the others spaced at regular intervals between.

Sew on the buttons and secure and weave in all ends. 

STEP-BY-STEP C4F CABLE 4 FRONT



1 Work up to where the cable pattern starts, then take the yarn to the back of the knitting.



2 Slip the first 2 stitches knitwise on to a cable needle. Hold these stitches at the front of the knitting.

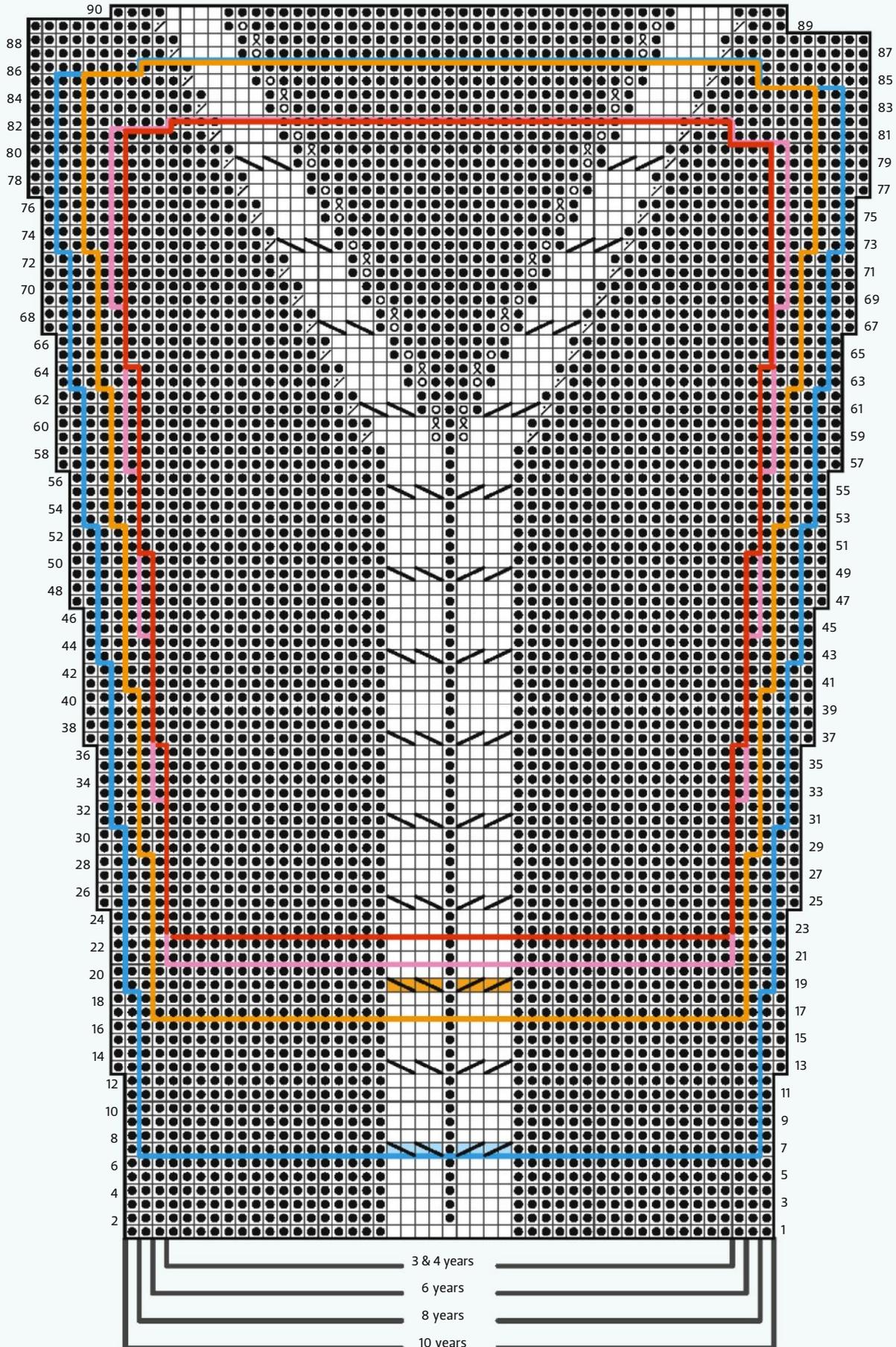


3 Knit the next 2 stitches from the left-hand needle. Slide the stitches on the cable needle to the right-hand end of it and knit them on to the right-hand needle.



4 Bring the yarn to the front of your knitting, and pull the yarn tight to avoid ladders along the side of the cable. Work the next stitch and continue in the pattern.

CHART A



KEY

-  K on RS; P on WS
-  P on RS; K on WS
-  C4B
-  C4F
-  Size 8 yrs work cable sts in st st
-  Size 6 yrs work cable sts in st st
-  P2tog
-  Yo
-  K1tbl on WS
-  K2tog
-  Skpo
-  P3tog
-  No stitch
-  Work in rev st st as indicated
-  Repeat
-  3 years
-  4 years
-  6 years
-  8 years
-  10 years

CHART B (PART 1)

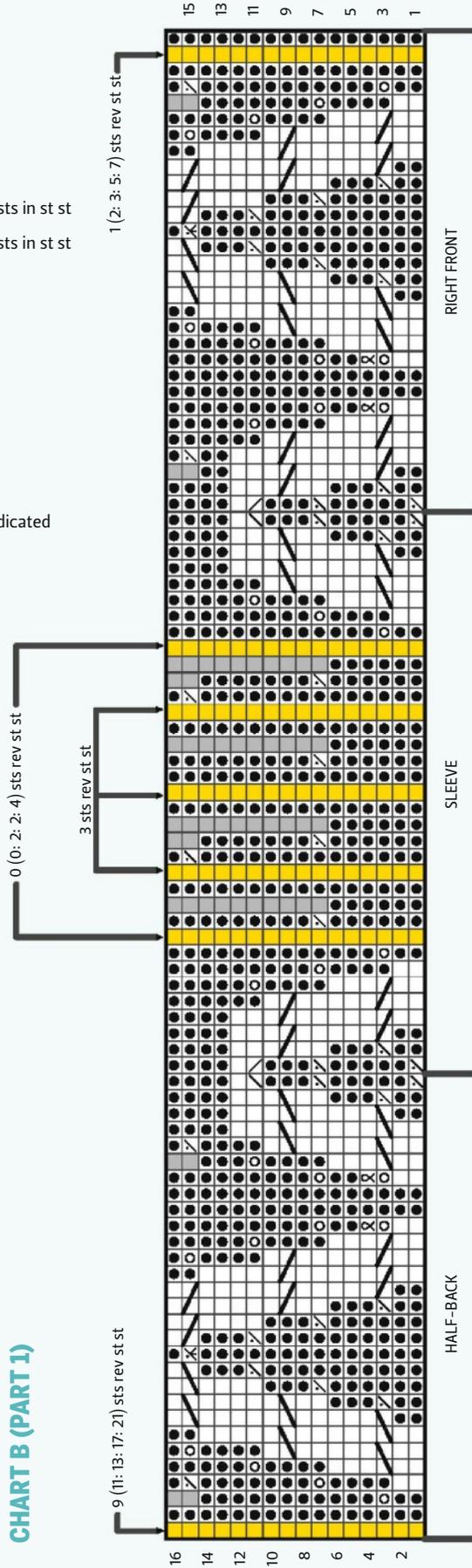
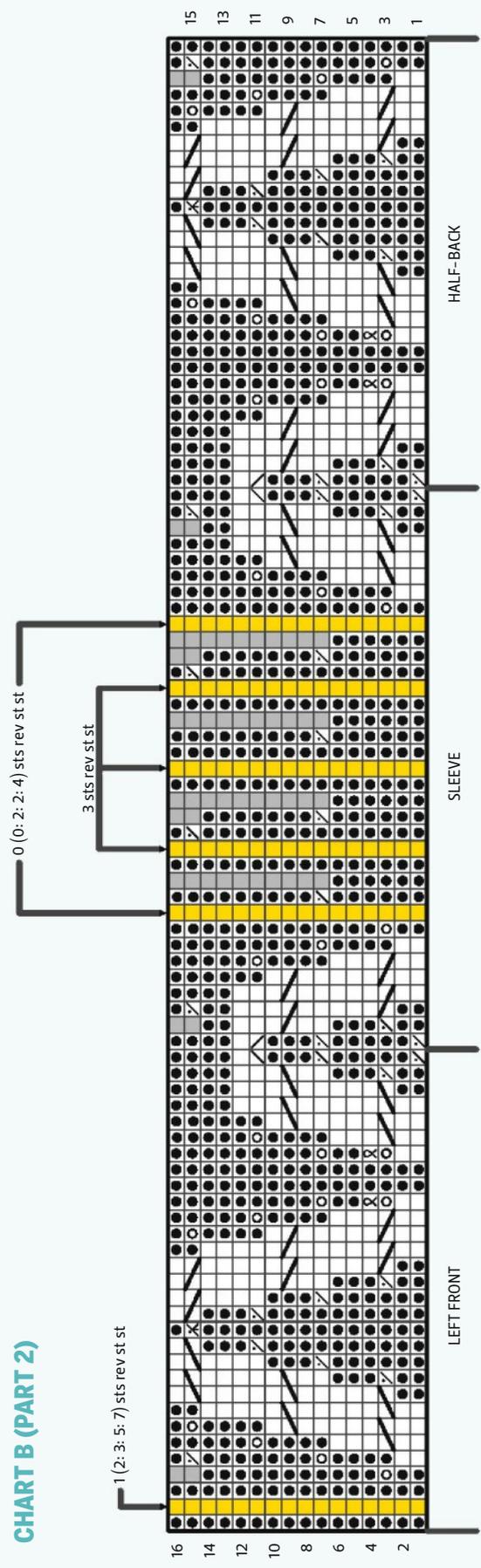


CHART B (PART 2)



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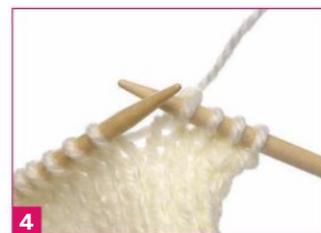
1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



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.

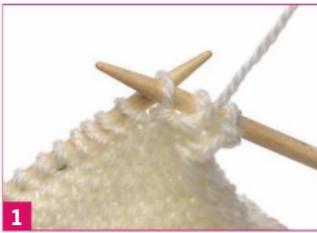


3 Bring the right-hand needle down through the loop, making sure that you catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



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) reverse stocking stitch
rev st st right hand
RH either k2tog or p2tog
rib2tog 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

NEEDLE SIZES

| UK | METRIC | US |
|-----|--------|-----|
| 14 | 2mm | 0 |
| 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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HEART KNOTS

Knit an elegant wall hanging with padded shapes and a bold, decorative tassel addition. By **Becca Parker**



EASY TO KNIT!

YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Lagoon DK (100% acrylic, 100g/340m)
1 ball of Giola Lagoon (2J070)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- Tapestry needle
- Toy stuffing

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Completed hanger measures 56cm long including tassel
Large Heart 12x12cm
Small Heart 8x8cm

ABBREVIATIONS

Pkp Purl, knit, purl into 1 stitch (inc 2 sts)

For a full list see page 77

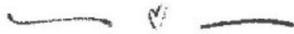
WHERE TO BUY

Wool Warehouse on 0800 505 3300 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



"These little heart hangers can be knitted in a colour scheme of your choice to match your home's decor. I'll be knitting one in a combination of cool beige tones for mine!"

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD



WALL HANGING

Note Each heart is made up of two halves that are made separately and then filled and seamed before being joined together with hanging cords. The heart shapes are worked flat from the bottom up.

BIG HEART (MAKE 2)

Cast on 1 st using 4mm needles.

Row 1 K1.

Row 2 Pkp. [3 sts]

Row 3 and following odd rows Knit.

Row 4 P1, M1, P1, M1, P1. [5 sts]

Row 6 P1, M1, P3, M1, P1. [7 sts]

Row 8 P1, M1, P5, M1, P1. [9 sts]

Row 10 P1, M1, P7, M1, P1. [11 sts]

Row 12 P1, M1, P9, M1, P1. [13 sts]

Row 14 P1, M1, P11, M1, P1. [15 sts]

Row 16 P1, M1, P13, M1, P1. [17 sts]

Row 18 P1, M1, P15, M1, P1. [19 sts]

Row 20 P1, M1, P17, M1, P1. [21 sts]

Row 22 P1, M1, P19, M1, P1. [23 sts]

Row 24 P1, M1, P21, M1, P1. [25 sts]

Row 26 P1, M1, P23, M1, P1. [27 sts]

Row 28 P1, M1, P25, M1, P1. [29 sts]

Row 30 P13, p2tog, P14. [28 sts]

You will now work on two groups of 14 sts separately to form the top curves of the heart.

Row 31 K1, ssk, K8, k2tog, K1, turn leaving rem 14 sts on the left-hand needle. [12 sts]

Row 32 P12.

Row 33 K1, ssk, K6, k2tog, K1, turn. [10 sts]

Row 34 P10.

Row 35 K1, ssk, K4, k2tog, K1, turn. [8 sts]

Row 36 P8.

Row 37 K1, ssk, K2, k2tog, K1, turn. [6 sts]

Row 38 P1, ssp, p2tog, P1. [4 sts]

Cast off and fasten off.

Rejoin yarn and rep Rows 31 to 38 for the remaining 14 sts to finish the heart. Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing up.

LITTLE HEART (MAKE 4)

Work as for Big Heart Rows 1 to 21.

Row 22 P9, p2tog, P10. [20 sts]

You will now work on two groups of 10 sts separately to form the top curves of the heart.

Work as for Big Heart Rows 35 to 38.

Cast off and fasten off.

Rejoin yarn and rep Rows 35 to 38 again for the remaining 10 sts to finish the heart. Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for sewing up.

MAKING UP

Partner each of the heart pairs with the WS together. Use remaining yarn tails and a tapestry needle to seam all three hearts using mattress stitch, filling them evenly with a generous amount of toy stuffing just before seaming them completely closed.

HANGING LOOP

Pick up one stitch at the top centre of one of the Little Hearts using the same yarn and 4mm needles. **Cast on** 44 sts then **cast off** all 45 sts. Fasten off, using the tapestry needle to sew the loose end to the top of the heart to join the loop.

JOINING STRANDS

Pick up one stitch at the bottom point of the Little Heart with the loop using the same yarn and 4mm needles. **Cast on** 18 sts, pick up 1 st at the top centre of the Big Heart then **cast off** all 20 sts. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Repeat this process once more, this time joining the bottom of the Big Heart to the top of the second Little Heart. Fasten off and weave in ends.

TASSEL

As a final flourish use the remaining yarn to make one large tassel, trim it neatly to measure 10cm long and use the tapestry needle to sew it to the bottom point of the second Little Heart.

MAKE A TASSEL
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LOVEWOOL N° 20



Our new design magazine, Lovewool No. 20 features 41 classic and modern knit and crochet patterns in three expressive colour-ways: 'Maritime Medley', 'All that Aqua' and 'Powdery Pastels'.

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Warm their hearts with decoration, accessory and cherub patterns to celebrate Valentine's Day and beyond

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Pretty designs
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*Love
is all
around!*



Send hugs with cherubs



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Hello!

Knit heart-decorated projects to share the love this season...

As we celebrate the season of love, this collection brings you heartfelt patterns to brighten up February. From a snuggly hat, mitten and cowl set to charming cherubs and a sweet puffed heart, each pattern is designed to bring a touch of Valentine's Day spirit. Whether you're crafting for yourself or a loved one, this collection aims to fill hearts and homes with love, inspiring meaningful connections and unforgettable memories. We hope these stashbusting, simple-to-knit designs become part of your February knitting list, and wish you a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration!

Sophie

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

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WARM WEAR

For head-to-fingertips cosiness, **Sarah Dennis's** heart-themed set delivers on every front, no matter how chilly things get!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

DROPS Air (aran, 65% alpaca, 28% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m)

Mittens

1 ball of each
Yarn A Off White (01)
Yarn B Heather (14)

Hat

1 ball of each
Yarn A Off White (01)
Yarn C Ruby Red (07)

Cowl

2 balls of
Yarn A Off White (01)
 1 ball of each
Yarn B Heather (14)
Yarn C Ruby Red (07)

- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 4.5mm needles

TENSION

16 sts and 23 rows
 to measure 10x10cm
 (4x4in) over st st using
 4.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Mittens
Hand circumference
 19.5cm (7¾in)

Hat

Head circumference
 49cm (19¼in)
Cowl
Circumference
 52.5cm (20¾in)
Depth 21cm (8¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77
 in *Simply Knitting* mag

WHERE TO BUY

Wool Warehouse-
 0800 505 3300
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



HEART HAT AND MITTENS

LEFT MITTEN

Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

Repeat Rows 1 and 2, 18 times more, increasing 1 st in last row. [31 sts]**

Chart A refers to left-hand mitten as indicated.

Change to 4.5mm needles and work in st st as follows, joining in Yarn B where required:

Row 1 K15, K16 sts from Row 1 of Chart A.

Row 2 P16 sts from Row 2 of Chart A, P15.

SHAPE THUMB

Row 3 K12, M1, K3, M1, K 16 sts from Chart A. [33 sts]

Row 4 P16 sts from Chart A, P17.

Row 5 K17, K16 sts from Chart A.

Row 6 P16 sts from Chart A, P17.

Row 7 K12, M1, K5, M1, K16 sts from Chart A. [35 sts]

Row 8 P16 sts from Chart A, P19.

Row 9 K19, K16 sts from Chart A.

Row 10 P16 sts from Chart A, P19.

Row 11 K12, M1, K7, M1, K16 sts from Chart A. [37 sts]

Row 12 P16 sts from Chart A, P21.

Row 13 K21, K16 sts from Chart A.

Row 14 P16 sts from Chart A, P21.

Row 15 K12, M1, K9, M1, K16 sts from Chart A. [39 sts]

Row 16 P16 sts from Chart A, P23.

DIVIDE FOR THUMB

Next row K23, turn, **cast on** 1 st.

Next row P12, turn, **cast on** 1 st.

Working on these 13 sts, work 14 rows without shaping.

SHAPE TOP OF THUMB

Next row K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end of row.

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
-  Right Mitten
-  Left Mitten

CHART A

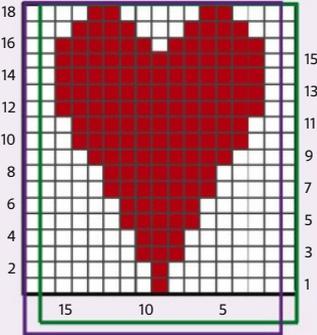


CHART C

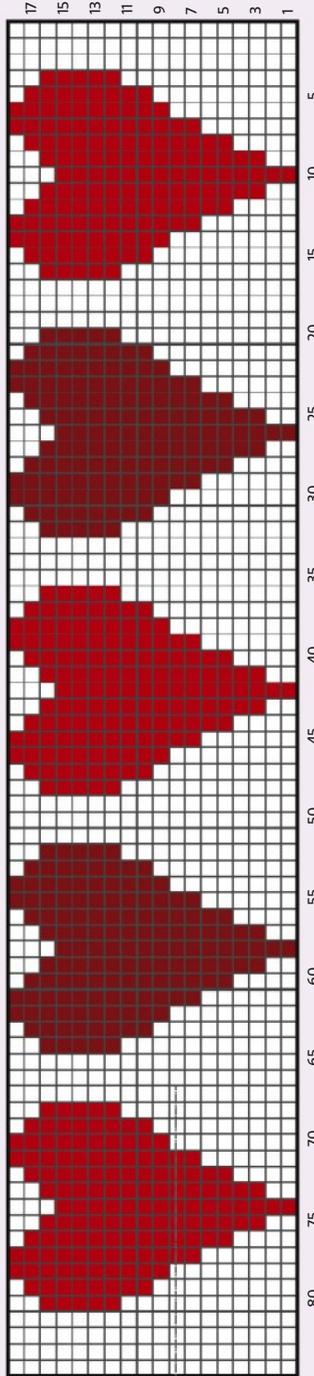
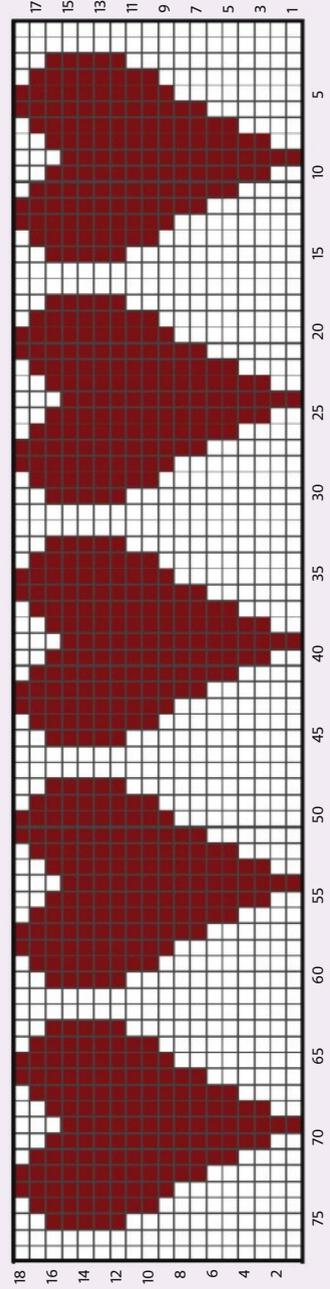


CHART B



Break off yarn leaving a long end, run yarn through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off. Join thumb seam.

HAND

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit 3 sts from base of thumb and knit to end of row, continuing from Row 17 of Chart A. [31 sts] Starting with a purl row, work 21 rows without shaping, keeping pattern correct on back of mitten.

SHAPE TOP OF MITTEN

*****Row 1** K1, *sl1, K1, pss0, K10, k2tog, K1; rep from * to end of row. [27 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, *sl1, K1, pss0, K8, k2tog, K1; rep from * to end of row. [23 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K1, *sl1, K1, pss0, K6, k2tog, K1; rep from * to end of row. [19 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Cast off remaining sts loosely, break yarn leaving an end long enough to sew up the side seam. Join side seam.

RIGHT MITTEN

Chart A refers to right-hand mitten as indicated. Work as Left Mitten to **.

Change to 4.5mm needles and work in st st as follows, joining in Yarn B where required:

Row 1 K16 sts from Row 1 of Chart A, K15.

Row 2 P15, P16 sts from Row 2 of Chart A.

SHAPE THUMB

Row 3 K16 sts from Chart A, M1, K3, M1, K12. [33 sts]

Row 4 P17, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 5 K16 sts from Chart A, K17.

Row 6 P17, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 7 K16 sts from Chart A, M1, K5, M1, K12. [35 sts]

Row 8 P19, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 9 K16 sts from Chart A, K19.

Row 10 P19, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 11 K16 sts from Chart A, M1, K7, M1, K12. [37 sts]

Row 12 P21, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 13 K16 sts from Chart A, K21.

Row 14 P21, P16 sts from Chart A.

Row 15 K16 sts from Chart A, M1, K9, M1, K12. [39 sts]

Row 16 P23, P16 sts from Chart A.

DIVIDE FOR THUMB

Next row K16 sts from Chart A, K11, turn, **cast on** 1 st.

Next row P12, turn, **cast on** 1 st.

Working on these 13 sts, work 14 rows without shaping.

SHAPE TOP OF THUMB

Next row K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end of row.

Break off yarn leaving a long end, run yarn through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off. Join thumb seam.

HAND

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit 3 sts from base of thumb and knit to end of row. [31 sts]

Starting with a purl row and beginning from 18th Row of Chart A, work 21 rows without shaping, keeping pattern correct on back of mitten.

Complete as given for Left Mitten from ***.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

HAT

Cast on 78 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 twice more, then Row 1 once more.

Next row Rib to end, decreasing 1 st in centre of row. [77 sts]

Change to 4.5mm needles, work 4 rows in st st.

Joining in Yarn C where required, work in st st from Chart B for 18 rows.

Break off Yarn C and work 2 rows st st, decreasing 2 sts evenly across last row. [75 sts]

FOR A SLOUCHY HAT ONLY

Continue in st st until hat measures 23cm from cast-on edge.

BOTH HATS

SHAPE CROWN

Row 1 K1, *k2tog, K4; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [63 sts]

Work 3 rows without shaping.

Row 5 K1, *k2tog, K3; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [51 sts]

Work 3 rows without shaping.

Row 9 K1, *k2tog, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [39 sts]

Row 10 Purl.

Row 11 K1, *k2tog, K1; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [27 sts]

Row 12 Purl.

Row 13 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end. [14 sts]

Row 14 *P2tog; rep from * to end. [7 sts]

Break off yarn leaving a long end, run yarn through remaining sts, draw up and fasten off. Join seam.

MAKING UP

Make a large pompom using Yarn C and fasten to crown of hat.

COWL

Cast on 252 sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 4 rows in st st.

Next row *K2tog; rep from * to end of row. [126 sts]

Next row *P1, p2tog; rep from * to end of row. [84 sts]

Work 10 rows in st st.

Joining in Yarns B and C where required, work in st st from Chart C for 18 rows.

Break off Yarns B and C and work 9 rows in st st.
Next row Purl one row, increasing 2 sts evenly along row.

Change to 4mm needles.

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

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

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Cast off loosely in rib, leaving a long end.

Join side seam. 



SWEET THING

Send someone all your love with **Rosee Woodland's** padded heart decoration, complete with flower detail





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Dollymix DK (100% acrylic, 25g/73m), 1 ball each of **Yarn A** Surf (143) and **Yarn B** Red (09)
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A spare needle or large safety pins to use as stitch holders

- A tapestry needle
- Toy stuffing or scraps of yarn
- A crochet hook (optional)

TENSION

Exact tension is not critical for this project

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* mag

WHERE TO BUY

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

TOP TIP

If you don't have a stitch holder or safety pin, a length of spare stash yarn can be just as useful for holding your stitches on.



HEART (MAKE 2)

The heart is made by knitting the top curves first in two separate pieces, which are then joined together by knitting across both of them in one row. To work out which is the right side of your garter stitch, loop a piece of contrasting yarn through the right side of the work after you've knitted a couple of rows.

FIRST HALF OF HEART TOP

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Set-up row Knit

Row 1 (RS) Kfb, knit to end. [10 sts]

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 Knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [11 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 once more. [13 sts]

Repeat Rows 1 to 2 once more. [14 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

Break yarn and leave sts on holder or large safety pin.

SECOND HALF OF HEART TOP

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Set-up row Knit.

Row 1 (RS) Knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [10 sts]

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 Kfb, knit to end. [11 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 once more. [13 sts]

Repeat Rows 1 to 2 once more. [14 sts]

Knit 3 rows.

JOIN SIDES OF HEART TOP

Return second set of stitches to needles, ensuring both sides have WS facing you.

Knit 1 row, working k2tog across the last stitch of the first piece and the first stitch of the second piece, to join the two halves together. [27 sts]

Next row (RS) K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [25 sts]

Next row (WS) Knit.

Repeat the last 2 rows until you have 5 sts, ending with a RS row.

Next row (WS) K1, k3tog, K1. [3 sts]

Break the yarn and thread through the remaining sts.

MAKING UP

When you have made the second side of the

* HANGING DECORATION

heart, place WS together and backstitch around the edge, leaving the bottom edge open. Turn right sides out. Make a crochet chain or simple loop of yarn and secure to top of heart for hanging loop. Stuff with toy stuffing or yarn scraps and sew bottom edge shut. Darn in ends.

FLOWER

You will make 5 individual petals and then join them together at the end.

PETAL (MAKE 5)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Set-up row Knit.

Row 1 (RS) Kfb twice. [4 sts]

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1) twice. [6 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Rows 5 to 8 Knit.

Row 9 (K2tog, K1) twice. [4 sts]

Leave sts on a spare needle or safety pin.

When you have 5 petals, return them to your needles, making sure all pieces are facing the same way. Knit across all sts once. Break yarn and thread through all sts. Pull tight and weave in ends. Sew flower onto heart, using image as a guide. 



LITTLE LOVES

We've fallen head over heels for **Monica Fuertes's** cute cupids – this sweet pair make the perfect Valentine's Day knit!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m), 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Biscuit (0963)
- Yarn B** Baby Blue (0730)
- Yarn C** Pink (0992)
- Yarn D** White (0961)
- Yarn E** Red (0698)
- Yarn F** Bright Yellow (0978)
- Yarn G** Light Pink (0958)
- Yarn H** Chocolate Brown (0947)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- 4 black glass eyes, 7mm diameter
- Toy stuffing

- Approx 40cm of thin gold wire
- Pearl buttons

TENSION

25 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

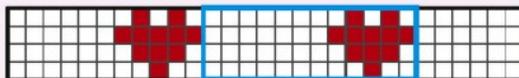
MEASUREMENTS

Cherubs 24cm (9½in) tall
Heart 7x7cm (2¾x2¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* mag

SWISS DARNING CHART



WHERE TO BUY

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

KEY

- Knitted fabric
- Swiss Darn in Yarn E
- Repeat



Not suitable for children under three years old due to small parts.

CHERUBS HEAD (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 15 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 21 (K2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 (K2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Head and stuff it making the right shape. Using the image as a guide, sew on the two 7mm black glass eyes firmly, Swiss darn the cheeks under the eyes using Yarn G and a tapestry needle, embroider the nose using Yarn C and the mouth with red thread.

BODY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C for the girl, and Yarn B for the boy.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Work 2 rows in rev st st, beg with a P row.

Change to Yarn A.

Work 12 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 31 (K2tog, K1) to end. [24 sts]

Row 32 Purl.

Row 33 (K2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 34 Purl.

Row 35 (K2tog) to end. [6 sts]

Cast off.

Stuff the Body slightly and sew closed.

GIRL'S HAIR

Cut a long strand of Yarn F and embroider the Hair with long stitches from the top of the Head to the ears and the back part of the Head, using the image as a guide. Continue embroidering until the Head is covered.

Make two little braids. Pass 12 strands of Yarn F through the hair either side of the Head, using image as a guide.

Embroider the fringe with long stitches from the front around both sides of the face and sew a tiny bow (see below) at each side to decorate the hair.

BLUE BOWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Work 12 rows in garter st.

Cast off.

Wrap a piece of yarn around the centre to form a bow shape and sew the two Bows to the top of the Head.

Embroider 3 red French knots with Yarn E and 1 French knot with Yarn D at the centre of each Bow to decorate them.

BOY'S HAIR

Cut a long strand of Yarn H and embroider the Hair with long stitches from the top of the Head to the ears and the back part of the Head, using the

photo as a guide. Continue embroidering until the Head is covered.

Embroider the fringe with long stitches from the front around both sides of the face.

HANDS AND ARMS (MAKE 4)

Begin knitting the Hands:

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Work 8 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 10 Purl.

Change to Yarn B (for Boy Cherub) or Yarn C (for Girl Cherub)

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 (WS) Kfb, K10, kfb. [14 sts]

Work 17 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 30 P2tog, P10, p2tog. [12 sts]

Cast off.

Sew the Hands and Arms into a tubular shape. Stuff the Arms slightly.

Sew the Arms to both sides of the Body, stitching a tiny mother of pearl button to each side to joint the shoulders.

FEET AND LEGS (MAKE 4)

Begin knitting the Feet:

Cast on 15 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

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

Row 8 P9, (p2tog) 3 times, P9. [21 sts]

Row 9 K8, (sk2po) twice, K7. [17 sts]

Work 17 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 27 Kfb, K15, kfb. [19 sts]

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 34 P1, (p2tog) to end. [10 sts]

Cast off.

Sew and stuff the Legs slightly.

Sew the Legs to both sides of the Body, adding a tiny mother of pearl button to each hip joint.

DRESS (MAKE 1 IN YARN C, 1 IN YARN B)

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Work 6 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 9 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 21 (Kfb, K2) to end. [48 sts]

Work 10 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 32 (Pfb, P2) to end. [64 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 40 (Pfb, P4) to last 4 sts, pfb, P3. [77 sts]

Work 7 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Cast off.

Sew up the Dress at the back seam.

Following Chart, Swiss darn hearts around the Cherub's Dress in Yarn E, leaving 6 sts at beg and end, and 7 sts between each heart.

WINGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

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

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (Kfb, K1), to last st, kfb. [14 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 K2, sk2po, K4, sk2po, K2. [10 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 K1, sk2po, k2tog, sk2po, K1. [5 sts]

Work 2 rows in garter st, beg with a K row.

Row 10 K1, sk2po, K1. [3 sts]

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 Sk2po. [1 st]

Cast off.

Sew the Wings at back of the Dress, between the Arms.

HALOS (MAKE 2)

Make a 3.5cm diameter ring with a thin golden wire and pin it to the back of the Head, using the image as a guide.

RED HEART

Cast on 3 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. [6 sts]

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 (Kfb) to end. [12 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 (Kfb) to end. [24 sts]

Work 3 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 11 (Kfb, K1) to end. [36 sts]

Work 11 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Continue knitting on the first 18 sts, leaving all the rem 18 sts on the needle.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 25 (K4, k2tog) to end. [15 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 28 (P3, p2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts.

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a K row.

Row 25 (K2tog, K4) to end. [15 sts]

Work 2 rows in st st, beg with a P row.

Row 28 (P2tog, P3) to end. [12 sts]

Cast off.

Sew seam at the back of the Heart and stuff. 







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