

Little Cotton Rabbits

A selection of Panelled sweaters



*These sweaters are knitted in 4ply/Fingering weight yarn using 2.75mm (US 2) straight needles.
Here the yarns used are various shades of Brooklyn Tweed Peerie and Quince and Co. Finch*

More knitting patterns are available at
<https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk>

Materials:

- 4ply/fingering weight yarn

Notions:

- 2.75mm (US 2) Straight Knitting needles and optional circular/DPNS for the collar
- Tapestry needle
- 2.75mm (US 2) cable needle

Finished size:

approx 8 cm (3 inches) from neck to hem

Gauge:



Gauge: 7 stitches x 10 rows to 1 inch

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One of my favourite things about making knitted toys is coming up with new designs for their clothing and so within this pattern there are six different sweater options. All have the same plain back, which is worked first, and the designs for the front all include a textured/cabled panel against a background of plain stocking stitch.

I hope you enjoy using these patterns to create a wardrobe of different sweaters for your knitted animals.

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Yarn suggestions:

For the sweaters you can use 4 ply/fingering weight wool or cotton: DMC Natura Just Cotton, Drops Safran, BCGarn Alba, Krea Deluxe organic cotton and Scheepjes Catona or Cotton 8 are all 4ply cottons that in my experience knit up nicely and have a good range of colours. I have some detailed yarn suggestions over on my blog:

https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk/my_weblog/2020/06/choosing-yarns-for-the-little-cotton-rabbit-animal-patterns-part-2.html

Tip: Before you start, get to know your yarn. Does it break easily? If so you will need to consider using a different yarn to sew up with as seaming can cause weaker yarns to snap.

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Extra tips:

I hope you enjoy using this pattern. I have written up some extra tips about knitting and finishing, so please pop by for a visit and check out the knitting tips section on [Little Cotton Rabbits blog](#).

If you get stuck with any aspect of the pattern, please come and visit the Little cotton Rabbit group on Ravelry:

<https://www.ravelry.com/groups/little-cotton-rabbits>

Or the Little Cotton Rabbits Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/littlecottonrabbits>

Lots of knitters who've already used the patterns hang out there and one of us will do our best to help you. You'll also find lots of other projects made from these patterns, please come and share yours.

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General Abbreviations:

These decrease methods are described in detail in the excellent knitting help website:

<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/decreases>

SSK (SLIP, SLIP, KNIT) : Slip a stitch (as if to knit it) to the right-hand needle, slip a second stitch in the same way, slip both stitches together back to the left-hand needle and knit together through the back loops.

K2TOG : Knit 2 stitches together

P2TOG : Purl 2 stitches together

P2TOG TBL: Purl 2 stitches together through the back loops

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K1TBL: Knit 1 stitch through the back loop

P1TBL: Purl 1 stitch through the back loop

Abbreviations specific to each pattern:

1. Claw cable panel:

C4R, CROSS 4 RIGHT: Slip the next 3 stitches on to the cable needle and hold at the **back** of the work, Knit the next stitch from the left-hand needle and then Knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle.

C4L, CROSS 4 LEFT: Slip the next stitch on to the cable needle and hold at the **front** of the work, Knit the next 3 stitches from the left-hand needle and then Knit the stitch from the cable needle.

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2. Arrowhead cable panel:

T2F, TWIST 2 FRONT: Slip the next stitch on to the cable needle and hold at the **front** of the work, Purl the next stitch from the left-hand needle then Knit the stitch from the cable needle.

T2B, TWIST 2 BACK: Slip the next stitch on to the cable needle and hold at the **back** of the work, Knit the next stitch from the left-hand needle then Purl the stitch from the cable needle.

PF&B: Purl into the front and back of the next stitch, so increasing by 1 stitch

CDD: CENTRED DOUBLE DECREASE: Slip 2 stitches together as if to knit them, K1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over (**note:** it is important that they are slipped together and NOT one at a time)

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3. Bobble cable panel:

T5R, TWIST 5 RIGHT: Slip the next 3 stitches onto the cable needle and hold at the **back** of the work, Knit the next 2 stitches from the left-hand needle and then P1, K2 from the cable needle.

T3B, TWIST 3 BACK: Slip next stitch onto the cable needle and hold at **back** of work, Knit next 2 stitches from left-hand needle then Purl the stitch from the cable needle

T3F, TWIST 3 FRONT: Slip next 2 stitches onto the cable needle and hold at **front** of work, Purl the next stitch from left-hand needle then Knit the 2 stitches from the cable needle

MB: MAKE BOBBLE: Knit into the Front, Back & Front of next stitch (so increasing to 3 stitches), turn the work and P3, turn the work and K3, turn the work and P3, turn the work and SL1, K2tog and pass the slipped stitch over (so decreasing to 1 stitch) then continue across the remainder of the row.

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4. Lacy rib cable panel:

YF: YARN FORWARD: Bring the yarn to the front of the work between the needles, when you knit the next stitch this will create a loop over the top of the needle which when worked on the next row will create an eyelet.

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5. Plaited rib cable panel:

C6F, CABLE 6 FRONT: Slip the next 3 stitches on to the cable needle and hold at the **front** of the work, Knit the next 3 stitches from the left-hand needle and then Knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle.

C6B, CABLE 6 BACK: Slip the next 3 stitches on to the cable needle and hold at the **back** of the work, Knit the next 3 stitches from the left-hand needle and then Knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle.

The pattern instructions:

This is a basic sweater with a choice of textured panels on the front, and has shaped armholes and a chunky collar. It is worked flat in two separate pieces which are worked consecutively; the back first, then the front. Then the collar is knitted on and the sleeves are picked up from the armhole edges of the front and back, and finally the seams are sewn closed.

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How to use this pattern:

- First knit the back, which is plain and exactly the same for all sweater options..... See below
 - Then chose the front design and knit that... the front designs are on Pages 7-9
 1. Claw cable panel
 2. Arrowhead cable panel
 3. Bobble cable panel
 4. Lacy rib cable panel
 5. Plaited rib cable panel
 6. Twisted rib cable panel
 - Then follow the instructions for knitting the collar either in the round or flat...Page 5
 - Next pick up and knit the sleeves...Page 6
 - Finally sew all of the seams and finish...Page 6
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Back:

The back piece is exactly the same for all versions. Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm (US 2) needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 13 times, P1

row 2: (K1, P1) 13 times, K1

row 3: (P1, K1) 13 times, P1

rows 4-18: Beginning and ending with Purl rows, work 15 rows of stocking stitch

row 19: K1, SSK, K21, K2tog, K1 (25 stitches)

row 20: Purl

row 21: K1, SSK, K19, K2tog, K1 (23 stitches)

row 22: Purl

row 23: K1, SSK, K17, K2tog, K1 (21 stitches)

rows 24-30: Beginning and ending with Purl rows, work 7 rows of stocking stitch

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

Keeping the back piece just worked on the left hand needle and with an empty needle in your right hand, cable cast on the front piece of your choice (see Pages 7 - 9)



Once the two pieces for the front and back are complete (see above) it's time to work across all 42 stitches on the needle for the collar. The collar is best worked in the round but if you prefer you can knit it flat and seam it later.

To work the collar flat:

row 31: (right side) (K1, P1) 10 times, K2tog,
(P1, K1) 10 times (41 stitches)

row 32: (P1, K1) 20 times, P1

row 33: (K1, P1) 20 times, K1

row 34: (P1, K1) 20 times, P1

row 35: (K1, P1) 20 times, K1

row 36: Purl

row 37: (P1, K1) 20 times, P1

row 38: (K1, P1) 20 times, K1

row 39: (P1, K1) 20 times, P1

row 40: (K1, P1) 20 times, K1

row 41: Cast off loosely, in P1, K1 ribbing.

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with. Next seam the collar so that it's joined into a round, remembering that as the collar folds over on itself you'll need to seam on the outside of the work so that the seam is hidden when the collar is folded (figs. 2 & 3)



fig. 1, Flat collar in progress



fig. 2



fig. 3

To work the collar in the round:

Using 2.75mm (US 2) DPNS (double pointed needles) or a circular needle if you prefer (see fig. 4):

row 31: SL1P, (P1, K1) 7 times with the 1st needle;
with the 2nd needle (P1, K1) 2 times, P1,
K2tog, (P1, K1) twice;
with the 3rd needle (P1, K1) 7 times, P1,
Knit the last stitch together with the first
slipped stitch from the first needle in order
to close the round. Make sure to leave this
last stitch on the 3rd needle so that the
round starts again with a Purl stitch.
(40 stitches)

round 1: (P1, K1) 20 times

rounds 2-4: Work 3 more rounds exactly the same as
round 1

round 5: Knit

round 6: (P1, K1) 20 times

rounds 7-9: Work 3 rounds exactly the same as round 6

round 10: Cast off loosely, in P1, K1 ribbing.

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a short tail and weave
this in on the wrong side of the work.



fig. 4, In-the-round collar



fig. 6



fig. 7

Now that the front and back parts are joined by the collar, it's time to pick up the stitches for the sleeves.

Sleeves: (Make 2 the same)

The sleeves are started by knitting into the stitches across the front and back armholes and then are knitted flat from the shoulder down to the cuff. So, leaving a short tail for weaving in use Yarn A and 2.75mm needles to Knit into each of the edge stitches from the front armhole. Begin in the gap above the first armhole shaping stitch (*fig. 6*) and work up to the shoulder (12 stitches). Then do the same for the back but work from the shoulder to the underarm so that you have a total of 24 stitches on the needle.

- row 1: (wrong side) P20, turn leaving 4 stitches un-worked
- row 2: SL1P, K15, turn leaving 4 stitches un-worked
- row 3: SL1P, P17, turn leaving 2 stitches un-worked
- row 4: SL1P, K19, turn leaving 2 stitches un-worked
- row 5: SL1P, P21 (to end of row)
- row 6: Knit
- rows 7-17: Beginning and ending with a Purl row, work 11 rows in stocking stitch

- row 18: K2, (P1, K1) 11 times
- row 19: P1, (K1, P1) 11 times, P1
- row 20: K2, (P1, K1) 11 times
- row 21: Cast off keeping ribbing pattern correct: P1, (K1, P1) 11 times, P1

Cut the work from the ball, leaving a tail of 8 inches for seaming with later.

That is the first sleeve done (*fig. 7*). Make a second sleeve in the same way by picking up the stitches from the other armhole.

Finishing:

After the second sleeve is completed finish the sweater by sewing the side seams on the body and both of the sleeves and weave in all tail ends on the wrong side of the work before trimming excess. Then your sweater is complete.

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Plaited cable front



Lacy cable front



Twisted cable front



Bobble cable front



Arrowhead cable front



Claw cable front



Claw cable design



Arrowhead cable design

Claw cable front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 2: (K1, P1) 13 times, K1
row 3: (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 4: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 5: K8, P1, C4R, K1, C4L, P1, K8
row 6: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 7: K8, P1, K9, P1, K8
row 8: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
rows 9-16: Repeat rows 5-8 twice more
row 17: K8, P1, C4R, K1, C4L, P1, K8
row 18: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P1, K9, P1, K5, K2tog, K1
(25 stitches)

row 20: P7, K1, P9, K1, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P1, C4R, K1, C4L, P1, K4, K2tog, K1
(23 stitches)
row 22: P6, K1, P9, K1, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P1, K9, P1, K3, K2tog, K1
(21 stitches)
row 24: P5, K1, P9, K1, P5
row 25: K5, P1, C4R, K1, C4L, P1, K5
row 26: P5, K1, P9, K1, P5
row 27: K5, P1, K9, P1, K5
rows 28-30: Repeat rows 24-26

Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5

Arrowhead cable front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 2: (K1, P1) 13 times, K1
row 3: (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 4: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 5: K8, P1, T2F, P2, K1tbl, P2, T2B, P1, K8
row 6: P8, K2, P1, K2, P1tbl, K2, P1, K2, P8
row 7: K8, P2, T2F, P1, K1tbl, P1, T2B, P2, K8
row 8: P8, K3, P1, K1, P1tbl, K1, P1, K3, P8
row 9: K8, P3, T2F, K1tbl, T2B, P3, K8
row 10: P8, K1, P1, K2, P1, P1tbl, P1, K2, P1, K1, P8
rows 11-16: Repeat rows 5-10
row 17: K8, P1, T2F, P2, K1tbl, P2, T2B, P1, K8
row 18: P8, K2, P1, K2, P1tbl, K2, P1, K2, P8
row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P2, T2F, P1, K1tbl, P1, T2B, P2, K5, K2tog, K1 *(25 stitches)*

row 20: P7, K3, P1, K1, P1tbl, K1, P1, K3, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P3, T2F, K1tbl, T2B, P3, K4, K2tog, K1 *(23 stitches)*
row 22: P6, K1, P1, K2, P1, P1tbl, P1, K2, P1, K1, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P1, T2F, P2, K1tbl, P2, T2B, P1, K3, K2tog, K1 *(21 stitches)*
row 24: P5, K2, P1, K2, P1tbl, K2, P1, K2, P5
row 25: K5, P2, T2F, P1, K1tbl, P1, T2B, P2, K5
row 26: P5, K3, P1, K1, P1tbl, K1, P1, K3, P5
row 27: K5, P3, T2F, K1tbl, T2B, P3, K5
row 28: P5, K4, P1, P1tbl, P1, K4, P5
row 29: K5, P3, Pf&b, CDD, Pf&b, P3, K5
row 30: P5, K5, P1, K5, P5

Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5



Bobble cable design



Lacy cable design

Bobble cable front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 2: (K1, P1) 13 times, K1
row 3: (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 4: P8, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P8
row 5: K8, P3, T5R, P3, K8
row 6: P8, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P8
row 7: K8, P2, T3B, P1, T3F, P2, K8
row 8: P8, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P8
row 9: K8, P1, T3B, P3, T3F, P1, K8
row 10: P8, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P8
row 11: K8, P1, K2, P2, MB, P2, K2, P1, K8
row 12: P8, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P8
row 13: K8, P1, T3F, P3, T3B, P1, K8
row 14: P8, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P8
row 15: K8, P2, T3F, P1, T3B, P2, K8
row 16: P8, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P8
row 17: K8, P3, T5R, P3, K8
row 18: P8, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P8

row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P2, T3B, P1, T3F, P2, K5, K2tog, K1
(25 stitches)
row 20: P7, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P1, T3B, P3, T3F, P1, K4, K2tog, K1
(23 stitches)
row 22: P6, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P1, K2, P2, MB, P2, K2, P1, K3,
 K2tog, K1 *(21 stitches)*
row 24: P5, K1, P2, K5, P2, K1, P5
row 25: K5, P1, T3F, P3, T3B, P1, K5
row 26: P5, K2, P2, K3, P2, K2, P5
row 27: K5, P2, T3F, P1, T3B, P2, K5
row 28: P5, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P5
row 29: K5, P3, T5R, P3, K5
row 30: P5, K3, P2, K1, P2, K3, P5
 Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5

Lacy panel front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 4 times, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times,
 K1, P2, (K1, P1) 4 times
row 2: (K1, P1) 4 times, K2, (P1, K1) 3 times, P1, K2,
 (P1, K1) 4 times
row 3: (P1, K1) 4 times, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2,
 (K1, P1) 4 times
row 4: P8, K2, P7, K2, P8
row 5: K8, P2, K1, K2tog, YF, K1, YF, SSK, K1, P2, K8
row 6: P8, K2, P7, K2, P8
row 7: K8, P2, K2tog, YF, K3, YF, SSK, P2, K8
row 8: P8, K2, P7, K2, P8
rows 9-16: Repeat rows 5-8 two more times
row 17: K8, P2, K1, K2tog, YF, K1, YF, SSK, K1, P2, K8
row 18: P8, K2, P7, K2, P8

row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P2, K2tog, YF, K3, YF, SSK, P2, K5,
 K2tog, K1 *(25 stitches)*
row 20: P7, K2, P7, K2, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P2, K1, K2tog, YF, K1, YF, SSK, K1,
 P2, K4, K2tog, K1 *(23 stitches)*
row 22: P6, K2, P7, K2, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P2, K2tog, YF, K3, YF, SSK, P2, K3,
 K2tog, K1 *(21 stitches)*
row 24: P5, K2, P7, K2, P5
row 25: K5, P2, K1, K2tog, YF, K1, YF, SSK, K1, P2, K5
row 26: P5, K2, P7, K2, P5
row 27: K5, P2, K2tog, YF, K3, YF, SSK, P2, K5
rows 28-30: Repeat rows 24-26
 Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5



Plaited cable design



Twisted rib cable design

Plaited cable front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 2: (K1, P1) 13 times, K1
row 3: (P1, K1) 13 times, P1
row 4: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 5: K8, P1, C6F, K3, P1, K8
row 6: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 7: K8, P1, K3, C6B, P1, K8
rows 8-15: Repeat rows 4-7 two more times
row 16: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 17: K8, P1, C6F, K3, P1, K8
row 18: P8, K1, P9, K1, P8
row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P1, K3, C6B, P1, K5, K2tog, K1
(25 stitches)

row 20: P7, K1, P9, K1, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P1, C6F, K3, P1, K4, K2tog, K1
(23 stitches)
row 22: P6, K1, P9, K1, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P1, K3, C6B, P1, K3, K2tog, K1
(21 stitches)
row 24: P5, K1, P9, K1, P5
row 25: K5, P1, C6F, K3, P1, K5
row 26: P5, K1, P9, K1, P5
row 27: K5, P1, K3, C6B, P1, K5
rows 28-30: Repeat rows 24-26

Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5

Twisted Rib cable front:

Starting at the bottom edge and finishing at the neck, use 2.75mm needles to cable cast on 27 stitches, leaving a tail of 8 inches to seam with later.

row 1: (right side) (P1, K1) 4 times, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2, (K1, P1) 4 times
row 2: (K1, P1) 4 times, K2, (P1, K1) 3 times, P1, K2, (P1, K1) 4 times
row 3: (P1, K1) 4 times, P2, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1, P2, (K1, P1) 4 times
row 4: P8, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P8
row 5: K8, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K8
row 6: P8, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P8
row 7: K8, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K8
row 8: P8, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P8
row 9: K8, P2, Slip the next 3 stitches onto a cable needle and hold at the front of the work, (K1tbl, P1) twice, then from the cable needle K1tbl, P1, K1tbl, then P2, K8
row 10: P8, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P8
row 11: K8, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K8
rows 12-18: Repeat rows 4-10

row 19: K1, SSK, K5, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K5, K2tog, K1 *(25 stitches)*
row 20: P7, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P7
row 21: K1, SSK, K4, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K4, K2tog, K1 *(23 stitches)*
row 22: P6, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P6
row 23: K1, SSK, K3, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K3, K2tog, K1 *(21 stitches)*
row 24: P5, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P5
row 25: K5, P2, Slip the next 3 stitches onto a cable needle and hold at the front of the work, (K1tbl, P1) twice, then from the cable needle K1tbl, P1, K1tbl, then P2, K5
row 26: P5, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P5
row 27: K5, P2, (K1tbl, P1) 3 times, K1tbl, P2, K5
rows 28-29: Repeat rows 26-27
row 30: P5, K2, (P1tbl, K1) 3 times, P1tbl, K2, P5

Continue by following the instructions for your chosen collar on Page 5