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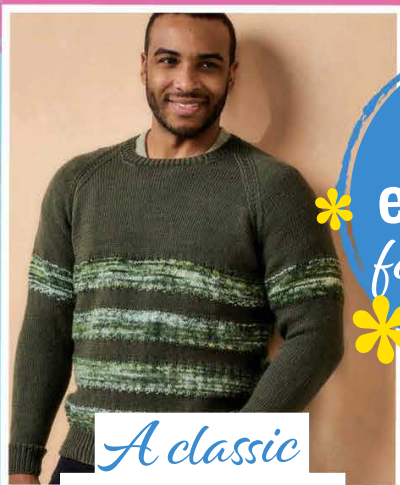


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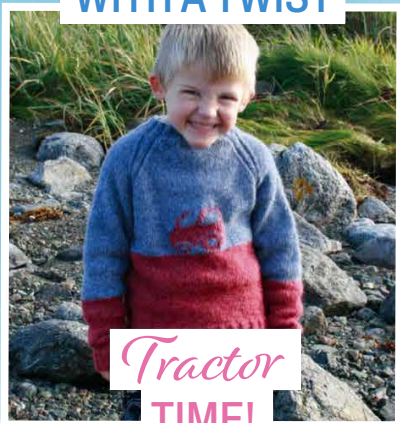
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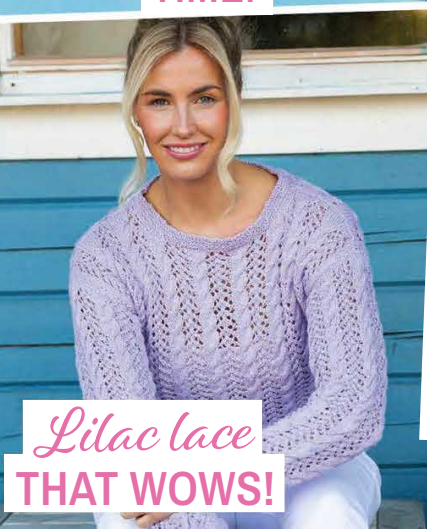
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*Kirstie McLeod,
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Hello

Celebrate the last days of spring with our collection of dreamy knits and more

Issue 276 bursts into life with our **striped lace jumper** on the cover – packed with detail, it's perfect for spring days in the early sun. Feeling a chill? Snuggle into our **Rowan cardigan** with its charming colourwork border, or if lace is your thing, Jo Allport's **all-over lace jumper** adds the perfect touch of prettiness. Looking for something quick? Our **mock cable cowl**, **bobble bag**, and **faux-fur cushion** can all be finished in next-to-no time. We've also got delightful treats for kids: the cutest **tractor jumper** you'll ever see and a bright, engaging **caterpillar stacking toy**. And don't forget our **discovery baby blanket** – it makes the perfect birthday gift for your little ones. Happy spring knitting!

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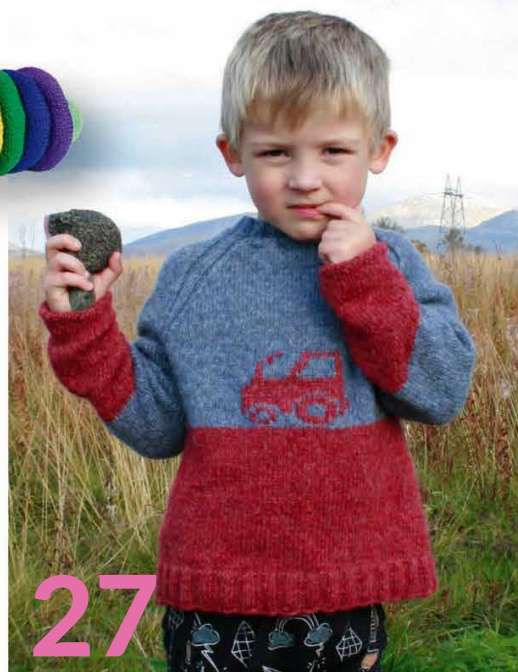
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This was Sylvia's promise to you...

A generation ago, a woman named Sylvia made a promise. As a doctor's secretary, she'd watched stroke destroy the lives of so many people. She was determined to make sure we could all live in a world where we're far less likely to lose our lives to stroke.

She kept her promise, and a gift to the Stroke Association was included in her Will. Sylvia's gift helped fund the work that made sure many more of us survive stroke now than did in her lifetime.

Sylvia changed the story for us all. Now it's our turn to change the story for those who'll come after us.

Stroke still shatters lives and tears families apart. And surviving a stroke is just the start of a long and gruelling recovery journey. If you or someone you love has been affected by stroke – you'll know just what that means.

You can change the story, just like Sylvia did, with a gift in your Will. All it takes is a promise.

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or visit **stroke.org.uk/legacy**

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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MONTH!

Sock pattern book packed with five gorgeous knits!

This issue we're thrilled to be giving you a fantastic knitting gift! This special extra makes the perfect treat for sock knitters, whether new or experienced. Pick a gorgeous sock pattern from our exclusive collection and start crafting beautiful, cosy socks right away. Inside you'll find lovely options in colour work, cable, lace and variegated yarn there's bound to be a top pick for you! Enjoy the satisfaction of creating handmade pieces, and start the season with a sock drawer to be proud of with our special knitting treat!

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MUST-HAVE TREATS NEXT ISSUE!

Snakes & ladders blanket knit-along

If you're a fan of a knit-alongs you won't want to miss this fun baby blanket game with a snakes and ladders theme. Designed by Ann Franklin, and filled with all the lovely details we've come to love with Ann's designs, we think it'll be the blanket knit of the year. Pop the on-sale date in your diary!



DON'T
MISS
THIS!

Football tea cosy

Our tea cosy knitting readers (and we know there are lots of you out there) will love Tea Cosy Folk's latest brilliant knit. This football scene cosy comes complete with a pair of players and a goal, making it the ultimate football knit! Cast on and get it finished in time for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and you and your family will be ready for that half time cuppa!



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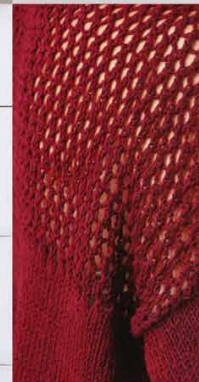
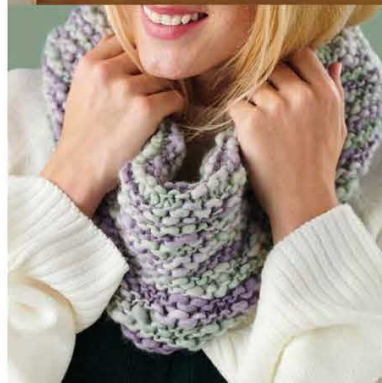
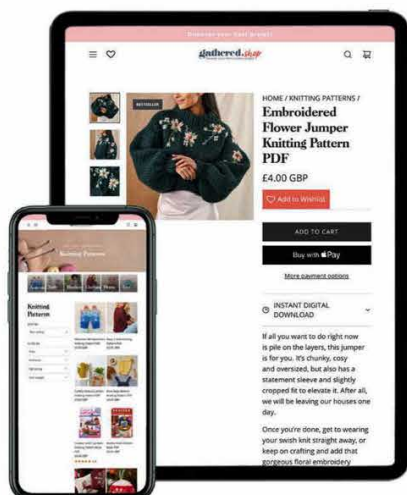
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KAFFE'S PALETTE

Renowned designer Kaffe Fassett unveils eight knitwear designs featuring his new Felted Tweed and Kidsilk Haze shades. The collection includes garments and accessories.

www.knitrowan.com

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What I'm loving...

...creative doodle motif cards, a great new yarn from Hobbii, the latest release from design genius Stephen West, polka dot fun and Rico Design's mohair magic

Shine & shades



Hobbii Minium

Minium, a lightweight 100% microfibre super-fine yarn, launches with vibrant colours and subtle shine.

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£3.95 for 175m, www.hobbii.co.uk



New from West Knits

Boost your knitting mojo with this joyful collection of accessories! The nine projects include a multicoloured cowl and hat, an eight-colour crescent shawl, a plush brioche shawl, and a smocked hat.

£28 for e-book from www.westknits.com



New Kits from Wool and the Gang

Wool and the Gang launches the Ophelia Cardigan and Showgirl kits, knitted in Feeling Cool and Take Care Mohair yarns. Cosy, stylish, and perfect for teens.

Kits start at £98, www.woolandthegang.com



We love

Rico Fashion Meri Mohair Print

Rico's Fashion Meri Mohair Print yarn blends Merino and mohair for exceptional softness and warmth.

Ideal for sweaters and accessories, it creates effortless stripes and a brushed, cloud-like finish.

£11.99 for 275m, www.rico-design.de for stockists



Soft and warm

A LITTLE BIT BIZARRE

Inspired by a love of all things quirky and unusual, this new yarn comes with plenty of character

With each ball a perfect blend of mottled, washed shades, Yarnsmiths' latest release, Bizarre DK, is a soft self-striping yarn full of personality. As you knit, expect gentle stripes, playful colour shifts and a hint of mischief. Shades include Hunkydory, Shenanigans, Collywobbles and Splendiferous – all ideal for your next standout project.

Yarn £4.50 for 250m, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



Bold and brilliant!

Make every day a rainbow of snugness with this gorgeous new pattern collection from Sirdar

Bold and gentle

Focusing firmly on colour and comfort, this exciting new pattern collection from Sirdar is filled with tones and hues guaranteed to make you smile.

Knitted in Sirdar Soft Down DK, choose from rainbow diagonal stripes, orange and pink hoops, and bold solid colours in gorgeous stitch patterns.

Cast on cloud-soft cardigans, sweaters, tank tops and accessories. Whatever your garment needs this year, this great new collection delivers them to your needles with an extra touch of softness.

Patterns £3.50; Soft Down DK £5 for 343m. For stockists visit www.sirdar.com



A GRAND DAY OUT

Boost your June with a returning crafty event you won't want to miss this summer

The Craft Festival returns to Mill Marsh Park, Bovey Tracey, Devon, from 12–14 June 2026, celebrating over two decades of creativity. Featuring around 200 designer makers, workshops, live music, children's activities, talks, demonstrations, street theatre, and local food, the festival draws craft enthusiasts nationwide. Since 2004, it has welcomed over 160,000 visitors, supported hundreds of start-ups, and contributed £25 million to the local economy.

Tickets start at £10; under-18s and carers attend free.



Take a trip to Devon!



YARN OF THE MONTH

CYGNET BOHO SPIRIT HIGHLIGHTS

Bring a little twinkle to your knits with the latest release from Cygnet



The exceptionally popular Boho Spirit yarn from Cygnet Yarns has added another wonderful variation to its collection. Boho Spirit Highlights is the same fabulously soft, variegated roving yarn as the original but this option has an additional sparkly twinkle, and is still available in a wide array of stunning shades. Positioned between double knit and aran weight, its lofty texture makes it both versatile and indulgently soft. The yarn produces garments with a subtle sheen, an unmistakably luxurious feel and now a delightful glittery effect, cementing its status as a must-have for creative crafters.

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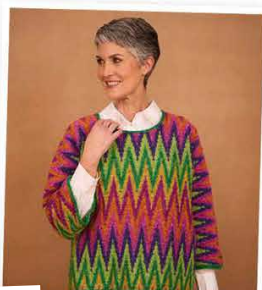


Soft, shade sensations

Make space in your wardrobe for this collection of knits from Kaffe Fassett!

Renowned designer Kaffe Fassett has unveiled a vibrant new knitwear collection celebrating his signature love of colour. The eight-design pattern series introduces fresh shades of Felted Tweed and Kidsilk Haze, brought to life through bold geometric patterns and striking colour combinations. Featuring sweaters, a cardigan, a tank top and coordinating accessories, the collection puts colourwork centre stage, offering knitters a joyful showcase of Fassett's unmistakable style!

Patterns available as 'Kaffe's Palette' book, £10.50.
Visit www.knitrowan.com for stockists.



KEEP CALM AND CARRY YARN

Grab your headphones and plug in to this great way to get your knitting fix online!

The knitting podcast 'Keep Calm and Carry Yarn' celebrates two years with its third co-host, Emily, and nine years overall this May. Originally a mother-daughter project with Vivian and Alyson, it's now a full family affair, joined by Emily. Known for its relaxed, honest approach, the show embraces crafting mishaps. Emily focuses on sewing and vintage style, Vivian on advanced knitting, and Alyson on crochet and events. **Tune in wherever you get your podcasts.**



*Take
time out
to relax*



CHARITY DASH!

Simon Fannon, aka @veteranknitter, is taking multitasking to a whole new level. This April, the former Royal Marine Commando will run his first London Marathon and attempt a Guinness World Record – knitting a 3.8m scarf while pounding the pavement! Armed with Stylecraft Special XL yarn and custom needles, Simon must stitch every inch on the move. The challenge raises funds for Huntington's Disease Association and Reorg, supporting families and veterans alike. Fans can follow his epic, woolly journey on Instagram and TikTok @veteranknitter and cheer him on from start to finish!



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LUXE STRIPES

Turn stripes into something extra special this season
with this gorgeous lace jumper by **Sarah Hatton**





* LACE JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Morris DK (50% Bluefaced Leicester wool, 25% Masham wool, 25% Bluefaced Kerry Hill wool, 50g/112m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

22 sts and 31 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch
using 4mm needles

23.5 sts and 34 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over upper patt using
4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

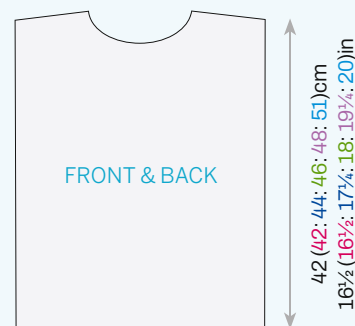
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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

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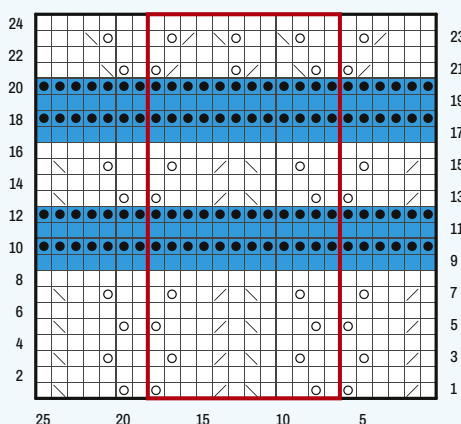


51 (56: 61: 66: 71: 76.5)cm
20 1/4 (22: 24: 26: 28: 30 1/4)in

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☒ P on RS; K on WS
- ☐ Yo
- ☐ K2tog
- ☐ Skpo
- ☒ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ Repeat

CHART



WHERE TO BUY

☐ For yarn stockists contact
West Yorkshire Spinners on
01535 664500 or at
www.wyspinners.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

☐ Wool Warehouse
0800 505 3300
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
☐ Cool Crafting
01539 724099
www.coolcrafting.co.uk

LACEJUMPER CHART WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

- Row 1 (RS)** Using Yarn B, K1, k2tog, K3, yo, *K1, yo, K3, skpo, K1, k2tog, K3, yo; rep from * to last 7 sts, K1, yo, K3, skpo, K1.
- Row 2 (WS)** Using Yarn B, purl.
- Row 3** Using Yarn B, K1, k2tog, K2, yo, K1, *K2, yo, K2, skpo, K1, k2tog, K2, yo, K1; rep from * to last 7 sts, K2, yo, K2, skpo, K1.
- Row 4** Using Yarn B, purl.
- Rows 5 to 8** Using Yarn B, as Rows 1 to 4.
- Rows 9 to 12** Using Yarn A, knit.
- Rows 13 to 20** As Rows 5 to 12.
- Row 21** Using Yarn B, K4, k2tog, yo, *K1, yo, skpo, K2, k2tog, yo, K3, k2tog, yo; rep from * to last 7 sts, K1, yo, skpo, K4.
- Row 22** Using Yarn B, purl.
- Row 23** Using Yarn B, K3, k2tog, yo, K1, *K2, yo, skpo, K2, yo, skpo, K1, k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to last 7 sts, K2, yo, skpo, K3.
- Row 24** Using Yarn B, purl.

BACK

Cast on 121 (133: 145: 157: 169: 181) sts using Yarn A, 4mm needles and long-tail method.

Knit 4 rows.

Next row (RS) Work as set on Row 1 of Chart working 12-st rep 9 (10: 11: 12: 13: 14) times.

This row sets Chart placement.

Work Rows 2 to 20 as set on Chart, ending with RS facing for next row.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST	cm	102	112	122	132	142	153
	in	40¼	44	48	52	56	60¼
LENGTH	cm	42	42	44	46	48	51
	in	16½	16½	17¼	18	19¼	20
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	44	45	45	46	46
	in	17¼	17¼	17¾	17¾	18	18
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners, Morris DK (50g/112m)					
Yarn A Bluebell (1277)		8	9	10	11	12	13
Yarn B Hyacinth (1278)		2	2	2	2	2	2

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



Work Rows 1 to 20 twice more.**

Now working in Yarn B throughout, rep Rows 21 to 24 as set on chart throughout, cont until work meas 42 (42: 44: 46: 49: 51)cm or preferred length, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 12) sts at beg of next 6 (4: 4: 2: 2: 8) rows. [85 (105: 113: 139: 149: 85) sts]

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 4 (6: 6: 8: 8: 2) rows. [57 (57: 59: 59: 61: 61) sts]

Leave rem sts on a holder for Neckband.



"Light, loose and in temperature-regulating wool, this striped lace jumper comes in a waistband-skimming length that sits above voluminous skirts perfectly!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

Now working in Yarn B throughout, rep Rows 21 to 24 as set on chart throughout, cont until work meas 38 (38: 40: 41: 44: 46)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row Patt 39 (45: 50: 57: 62: 68), turn and leave rem sts on a holder. [39 (45: 50: 57: 62: 68) sts]

Cont on these sts only for first side of neck.

Patt 1 row.

Work 4 rows, dec 1 st at neck edge of every row.

[35 (41: 46: 53: 58: 64) sts]

Work 5 (5: 5: 7: 7: 7) rows, dec 1 st at neck edge of next row and 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3) foll RS rows. [32 (38: 43: 49: 54: 60) sts]

Work 3 rows without shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Work should now match Back to start of shoulder shaping.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 12) sts at beg of next row and 2 (1: 1: 0: 0: 3) foll RS rows. [14 (24: 27: 40: 44: 12) sts]

SIZES 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22 AND 24-26 ONLY

Work 1 row.

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: -) sts at beg of next row and 0 (1: 1: 2: 2: -) foll RS rows. [7 (8: 9: 10: 11: -) sts]



ALL SIZES

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12) sts.

With RS facing, working on rem sts, leave 43 (43: 45: 43: 45: 45) sts on a holder for Neckband, rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end. [39 (45: 50: 57: 62: 68) sts]

Work 1 row.

Work 4 rows, dec 1 st at neck edge of every row. [35 (41: 46: 53: 58: 64) sts]

Work 5 (5: 5: 7: 7: 7) rows, dec 1 st at neck edge of next row and 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3) foll RS rows. [32 (38: 43: 49: 54: 60) sts]

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

Work should now match Back to start of shoulder shaping.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 12) sts at beg of next row and 2 (1: 1: 0: 0: 3) foll WS rows. [14 (24: 27: 40: 44: 12) sts]

SIZES 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22 AND 24-26 ONLY

Work 1 row.

Cast off 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: -) sts at beg of next row and 0 (1: 1: 2: 2: -) foll WS rows. [7 (8: 9: 10: 11: -) sts]

ALL SIZES

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12) sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 50 (50: 54: 54: 58: 58) sts using Yarn B and 3.25mm needles.

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

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

These 2 rows set rib.

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

Change to 4mm needles.

Using Yarn A, knit 4 rows.

Beg with a K row and working in Yarn B and st st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 0 (9: 13: 22: 20: 26) foll 4th rows to 52 (70: 82: 100: 100: 112) sts then on every foll 6th row to 84 (92: 100: 106: 110: 114) sts.

STEP-BY-STEP YO YARN OVER (BETWEEN KNIT STITCHES)



1 Bring the yarn to the front of the needles before you work the next stitch.



2 Insert the right-hand needle into the next stitch, and wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle to knit the stitch.



3 This will bring the yarn between the needles to the front, and you can then pull it through the stitch as normal.



4 Slip the stitch off the needle. You will notice that the yarn over forms an extra loop to the right of the stitch you have just worked.

Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 44 (44: 45: 45: 46: 46)cm or preferred length, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 6 (7: 7: 8: 8: 8) sts at beg of next 12 rows.

[12 (8: 16: 10: 14: 18) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

Block pieces to measurements following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Join right shoulder seam.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 21 (21: 21: 22: 22: 22) sts down left side of neck, knit across 43 (43: 45: 43: 45: 45) sts from holder at Front neck, pick up and knit 21 (21: 21: 22: 22: 22) sts up right side of neck and knit across 57 (57: 59: 59: 61: 61) sts on holder at Back neck.

[142 (142: 146: 146: 150: 150) sts]

Knit 4 rows.

Change to Yarn B and knit one row.

Beg with 2nd row work 7 rows in rib as set on Sleeves.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Place markers 19 (21: 23: 24: 25: 26)cm down from shoulder seams on Front and Back to denote armhole drop. Easing fabric to fit, sew in Sleeves between these markers. Join side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶

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Kirstie McLeod,
Editor

Stay in touch!

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



Pattern
in Issues
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DOWN ON THE FARM

I am so proud of my farmyard playset from *Simply Knitting* March – June 2023 (four-part KAL by Amanda Berry). I had so much fun I added a farmer, a tractor and trailer, a cat and some bees with their hive! All from other Amanda Berry patterns – she is an amazing designer. I was going to gift this but have decided to keep it as a heritage item for the family!

@ Elizabeth de Gouvía

Amanda is brilliant, isn't she? This has been a super popular pattern. We love your fun additional details too!



Pattern
in Issue
263

Christina's cardigan is knitted from yarn gifted by her grandchildren

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Every so often my grandsons, Jed and Ashton, give me a gift of yarn and it can be tricky finding a pattern that works with the amount that they have given me. The cardigan pattern, 'Fuchsia Twist' (Issue 263) proved just right for two lots of yarn that I had from the boys. I did the ribbing in a contrast colour as I wasn't sure if there would be enough of the main colour for the whole piece. The buttons came from my mother's button collection, so, all in all, a family collaboration. Now I just have to wait for winter to try it out!

@ Christina Rowe

This sounds like a wonderful way to weave love from your family into a practical gift. And now you get to wear all that love! It's such an intricate design too Christina.

★ STAR LETTER ★

A JUMPER FOR KEN

I have just finished knitting this jumper for my husband Ken. I used Wendy Supreme DK which is so soft, and has knitted up well. He said he was going to enjoy wearing it. It is King Cole Pattern 6161. This particular pattern proved a problem. It was the sleeves that caused the issue. When increasing every 6th row I got to the raglan with not enough stitches. I unpicked the sleeve more than once! I persisted and in the end, as you can see, there are cuffs – I winged it! It took me longer than usual but it was finally completed within a month.

@ Jen Lawrence

We're really pleased you persevered with this jumper, Jen, because this is a cracking knit for Ken, and we love the raglan detail on the sleeves! It looks super on him and he seems pretty chuffed with it too! Thanks for writing in.



Ken's jumper was a challenge for Jen, but a worthwhile one!

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Do you have a handy knitting tip you want to share with us?

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

When I'm working a tricky lace, cable or colourwork pattern I knit a practice square before I attempt the real thing. It helps me understand the pattern confidently which helps when working increases and decreases.

@ Denise Prior

This is sound advice, Denise!



Practice tricky patterns on a swatch before starting your project

TELL US YOUR TOP TIPS

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★ YARN SHOP OF THE MONTH ★

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The Wool Cellar is a child-in-a-sweet-shop experience for any yarn lover – full of vibrant inspiration, balls, skeins and braids of every colour and texture! We have a large sofa area for browsing patterns and books ready for your next project, and on our Guest Yarn Wall you'll find yarns from local indie-dyers. There's a lovely community feel with locals and visitors alike sharing hints and tips. We're always on hand to help get you started, support you with that frustrating project, or buy the perfect gift for a loved one. Come and treat yourself, and then head along High Street for lunch, it'll be a grand day out!

@Joanne Lovell

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Pattern in Issue 270

Leslie knitted our baubles so that she could hide them in her local area

BAUBLE BRILLIANCE

I hope you like my take on the mini baubles. They were easy to make and as I didn't have the beads for the eyes I did a French knot with a little bit of white yarn and gave the snowman a carrot shaped nose. I used the yarn tails to make a loop for hanging. My Nan taught me to knit when I was five, 63 years ago. I thought that I would hide the baubles in the local area as a 'Random Act of Kindness.'

@Leslie Preston

Don't they look fabulous, Leslie! We love your idea to leave them around the local area as a heartfelt, festive boost!



A tin of chocs in a knitted wrapper sounds like the best Christmas gift ever!

ALL WRAPPED UP

I knitted these 'cakes' for presents last Christmas. They cover a sweet tub such as Roses or Quality street.

@Janice French

This is a gorgeous gift option at Christmas, and your wrapping is really impressive too! I hope all the recipients loved your truly unique idea. Thanks for writing in with your knit, Janice!

STARRY NIGHT

I thought I would have a go at the origami star pattern for my tree from a recent issue of *Simply Knitting*. I used Sirdar sparkly yarn and combined two colours together. I also added some snow drops to add extra detail. I have never made anything using origami before, and it took a while to get the folds at the back correct, but I think I did a good job. Everyone that visited passed comment on my Christmas tree star.

@Alison Goode

It's always a good idea to push ourselves outside of our comfort zones when it comes to knitting. Giving new ideas a go teaches us so much. We think you've done a cracking job with your star, well done!



Pattern in Issue 269

Alison's knitted star takes centre stage at the top of her Christmas tree

 Calling all yarn shops!

We'd love to feature you on our letters page in a new Yarn Shop of the Month feature, celebrating the vital work and community support yarn shops bring to knitters everywhere. If you would like to be featured email simplyknitting@ourmedia.co.uk with 150 words about what makes your yarn shop unique and a selection of photos that show off your shop front or Aladdin's cave inside, a picture of you too would be great! We can't wait to hear from you.

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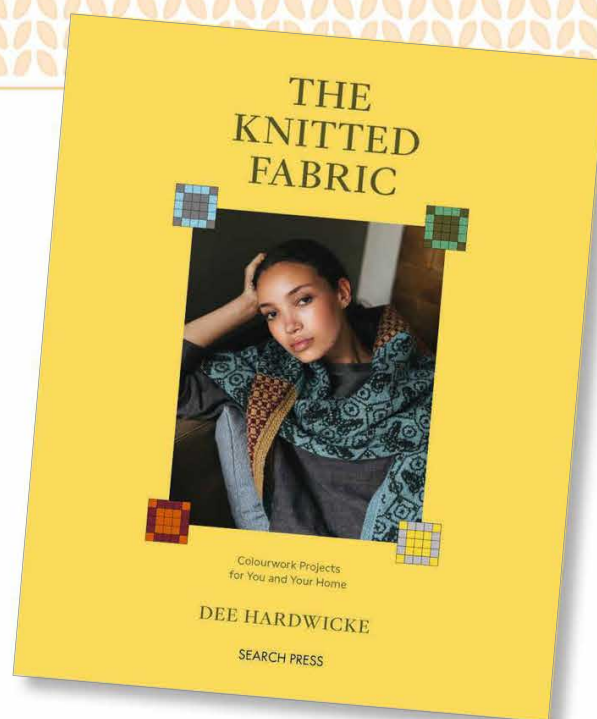
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Book of the Month



Celebrate vibrant colourwork as
Dee Hardwicke transforms cosy interiors
with inspiring handmade designs

'The Knitted Fabric' by celebrated British designer Dee Hardwicke is a beautiful collection that shows how colourwork knitting can bring warmth, texture and flair into the home.

Artistic interiors

Inspired by nature and everyday beauty, the 20 projects in 'The Knitted Fabric' feature vibrant colourwork, many of them designed specifically for interiors. Cushions take centre stage, offering endless opportunities to add colour and pattern to seating, while the quilts are statement pieces transforming beds or cosy corners. You'll also find wraps for wearable layers or decorative throws, and a small number of garments that echo the same artistic sensibility.

A personal process

What truly elevates 'The Knitted Fabric' is the way it draws readers into Dee's creative process. The book is illustrated with her own watercolours and accompanied by soft, atmospheric photography. Dee describes knitting as being similar to painting, with each stitch a brushstroke of colour.

Decorate your home

'The Knitted Fabric' is aimed at colourwork confident knitters who are excited by the idea of creating decorative pieces for their homes. Whether you're refreshing a room with a bold cushion, layering a quilt for extra warmth, or draping a beautifully knitted wrap over the back of a chair, each piece is designed to bring warmth, texture and personality into everyday spaces.

Title: 'The Knitted Fabric'

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GOLDEN HOUR

Discover magical construction when you cast on
this fun, soft bag by **Sophie Jordan**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Nepal (aran, 65% wool, 35% alpaca, 50g/75m)
- 6 balls of Goldenrod (2923)
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles

TENSION

21 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Bag length 35cm (13¾in) at side, up to strap attachment

Bag width 35cm (13¾in)

Strap length 60.5cm (23¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

MB Make bobble (K1, Ktbl, K1, Ktbl, K1) in next st, turn, P5, turn, K5, turn, P5, pass 4th, 3rd, 2nd and 1st sts separately over last stitch made

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists visit DROPS at www.garnstudio.com

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BOBBLE BAG

Note All knit stitches throughout pattern are knitted through the back of the stitch to tighten up the fabric (apart from those used when making bobbles).

SQUARE 1

Bobbles run along the bottom and RH side of this square.

Cast on 52 sts using 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Ktbl to end.

Row 2 (WS) Ktbl to end.

Row 3 (bottom bobble row) K3tbl, (MB, K4 tbl), rep to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Row 4 Ktbl to end.

Repeat Row 4 another 4 times.

***Row 9** K3tbl, MB, Ktbl to end.

Repeat Row 4 another 5 times.**

Rep from * to ** until 10 bobbles have been worked up the RH side.

Next row K3tbl, MB, Ktbl to end.

Knit 2 rows working each knit st through the back of the loop.

Cast off.

SQUARE 2

Bobbles run along the bottom and LH side of this square.

Cast on 52 sts using 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Ktbl to end.

Row 2 (WS) Ktbl to end.

Row 3 (bottom bobble row) K3tbl, (MB, K4 tbl), rep to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Row 4 Ktbl to end.

Repeat Row 4 another 4 times.

***Row 9** Ktbl to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Repeat Row 4 another 5 times.**

Rep from * to ** until 10 bobbles have been worked up the LH side.

Next row Ktbl to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Knit 2 rows working each knit st through the back of the loop.

Cast off.

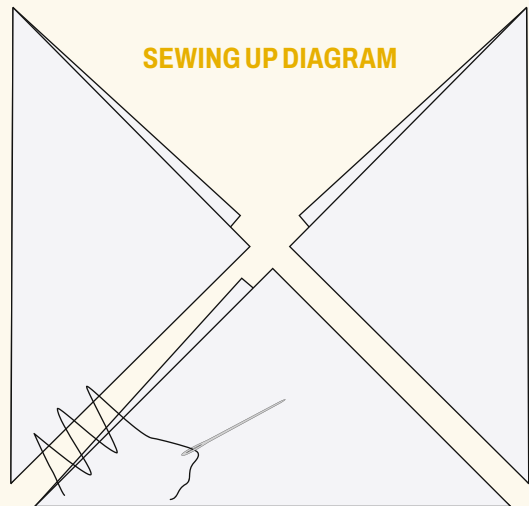
SQUARE 3

Bobbles run along both top and bottom and LH and RH sides of this square.

Cast on 52 sts using 5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Ktbl to end.

SEWING UP DIAGRAM



Row 2 (WS) Ktbl to end.

Row 3 (bottom bobble row) K3tbl, (MB, K4 tbl), rep to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Row 4 Ktbl to end.

Repeat Row 4 another 5 times.

***Row 9** K3 tbl, MB, (Ktbl) to last 4 sts, MB, K3 tbl.

Repeat Row 4 another 4 times.**

Repeat from * to ** until 10 bobbles have been worked up each side.

Next row K3 tbl, MB, (Ktbl) to last 4 sts, MB, K3tbl.

Knit 2 rows working each knit st through the back of the loop.

Cast off.

STRAP

Cast on 21 sts.

Row 1 (RS) Ktbl to end.

Row 2 (WS) Ktbl to end.

***Row 3** K10 tbl, MB, Ktbl to end.

Repeat Row 2 4 times.**

Repeat from * to ** until Strap measures 60cm.

Knit 2 rows working each knit st through the back of the loop.

Cast off .

MAKING UP (SEE DIAGRAM)

The bag is made up of three folded squares, one sits with its longest folded edge at the base of the bag, and the other two create the rest of the bag, with their long, folded edges forming the sides.

1 Block the squares so they measure around 24x24cm.

2 Fold Square 3 in half and place in front of you with folded edge at the bottom.

3 Fold Square 1 and place to left side of first piece so that long folded edge is vertical, the bobbles are at the top/bag edge and the middle points are touching. Pin then sew the two pieces tog along the diagonal seam (catching just one layer) using mattress stitch and working from the middle points to the bottom-left corner.

4 Flip the bag over, and sew diagonal seam in the same way, working from the bottom-right corner up to the middle point.

5 Repeat for the right-hand side Square 2 making sure the bobbles are at the top/bag edge.

6 Seam the Strap at the back using mattress st. Sew ends. Tuck strap behind the bag's side points and sew securely in place. 🧶



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TINY TRACTOR

Make their day with a jumper that showcases their favourite toy. This super-cute intarsia motif will be easy to master! By **DROPS**





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Sky (DK, 74% alpaca, 18% polyamide, 8% wool, 50g/190m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle, 40cm and 60cm long
- ☐ A 3mm circular needle, 40cm and 60cm long
- ☐ 1 set of 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ 1 set of 3mm DPNs
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

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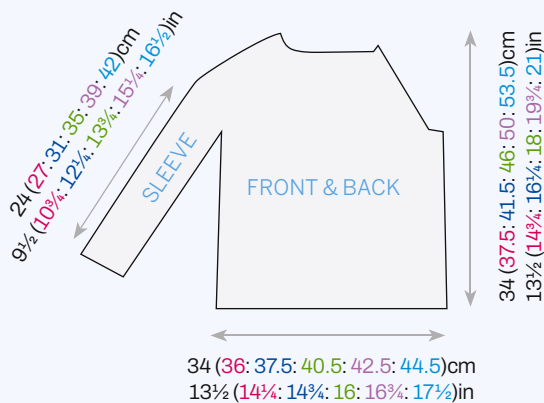


CHART - 7-8YRS, 9-10YRS, 11-12YRS

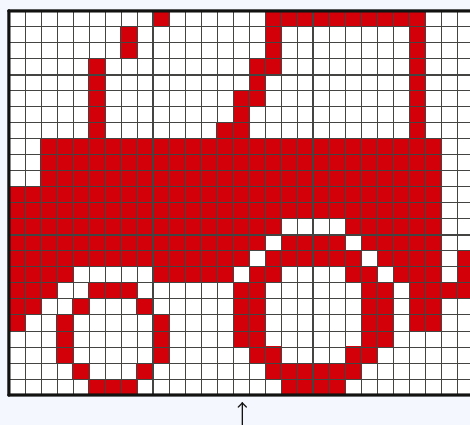
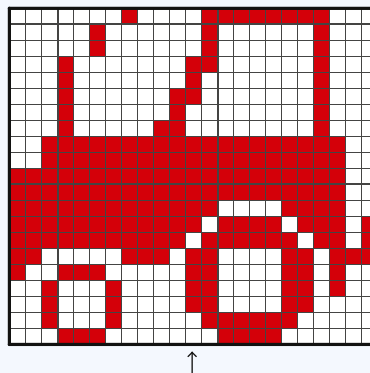


CHART - 2YRS, 3-4YRS, 5-6YRS



KEY

- ☐ Knitted fabric
- ☒ Swiss dam in yarn B

KIDS' JUMPER

The body is worked in the round, bottom up, with a circular needle as far as the armholes. The Sleeves are worked in the round with double-pointed needles, bottom up. Body and Sleeves are placed on same circular needle and the yoke is worked in the round to finished length. A tractor is embroidered on the front piece in Swiss darning.

DECREASE/INCREASE EVENLY

To work out how to decrease/increase evenly, count the total number of stitches on needle (e.g. 170 stitches), and divide by the number of decreases/increases to be made (e.g. 28) = 6.1. In this example, decrease by knitting together each 5th and 6th stitch. When increasing make 1 yarn over after each 6th stitch. On the next row work the yarn overs twisted to avoid holes.

BODY

Cast on 170 (180: 190: 205: 215: 225) sts using a 3mm circular needle and Yarn B and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 Knit

Round 2 *K2, P3; rep from * to end.

Rep Round 2 until piece meas 4cm from cast-on edge.

Knit 1 round decreasing 28 (30: 32: 35: 37: 39) sts evenly across the round. [142 (150: 158: 170: 178: 186) sts]

Change to a 4mm circular needle.

Work st st in the round until the piece meas 17 (19: 21: 23: 25: 27)cm from the cast-on edge.

Change to Yarn A and cont working st st in the round until the piece meas 19 (22: 25: 28: 31: 34)cm from the cast-on edge.

Next round Cast off 3 sts, K65 (69: 73: 79: 83: 87) (front), **cast off** 6 sts, K65 (69: 73: 79: 83: 87) (back), **cast off** 3 sts. [130 (138: 146: 158: 166: 174) sts]

Leave the piece to one side and work both Sleeves as described below.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 35 (35: 40: 40: 45: 45) sts using 3mm DPNs and Yarn B and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 Knit.

Round 2 *K2, P3; rep from * to end.

Rep Round 2 until piece meas 4cm from cast-on edge.

Knit 1 round increasing 5 (7: 4: 6: 3: 5) sts evenly across the round. [40 (42: 44: 46: 48: 50) sts]

Change to 4mm DPNs.

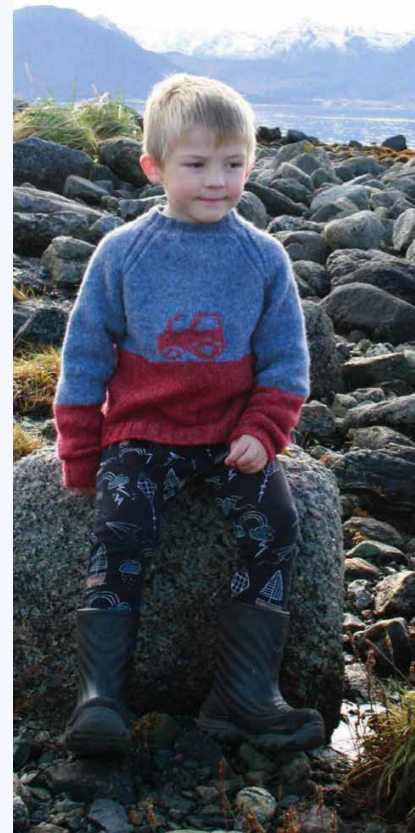
FIND YOUR SIZE

AGE		2yrs	3-4yrs	5-6yrs	7-8yrs	9-10yrs	11-12yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	53	56-59	61-64	65-67	69-71	74-76
	in	21	22-23	24-25	25½-26½	27-28	29-30
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	67.5	71.5	75	81	85	88.5
	in	26½	28¼	29½	32	33½	34¾
LENGTH	cm	34	37.5	41.5	46	50	53.5
	in	13½	14¾	16¼	18	19¾	21
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	24	27	31	35	39	42
	in	9½	10¾	12¼	13¾	15¼	16½
YARN		DROPS Sky (DK, 50g/190m)					
Yarn A Jeans Blue (12)		2	2	2	3	3	3
Yarn B Strawberry Red (35)		2	2	2	2	3	3

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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"Soft alpaca is used in this gorgeous jumper designed for your tractor-loving little ones. Just a simple motif is worked in Swiss darning, or you could convert it to intarsia."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Work st st in the round until the piece meas 6cm from the cast-on edge.

Increase round K1, yo, knit to last st, yo, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
 On the next round, work the yos twisted to avoid holes.

Repeat increase round every 4 (4.5: 5.5: 6.5: 7.5: 8.5)cm a further 4 times. AT THE SAME TIME when the piece meas 12 (14: 16: 18: 20: 21)cm from cast-on edge change to Yarn A.
 [50 (52: 54: 56: 58: 60) sts]

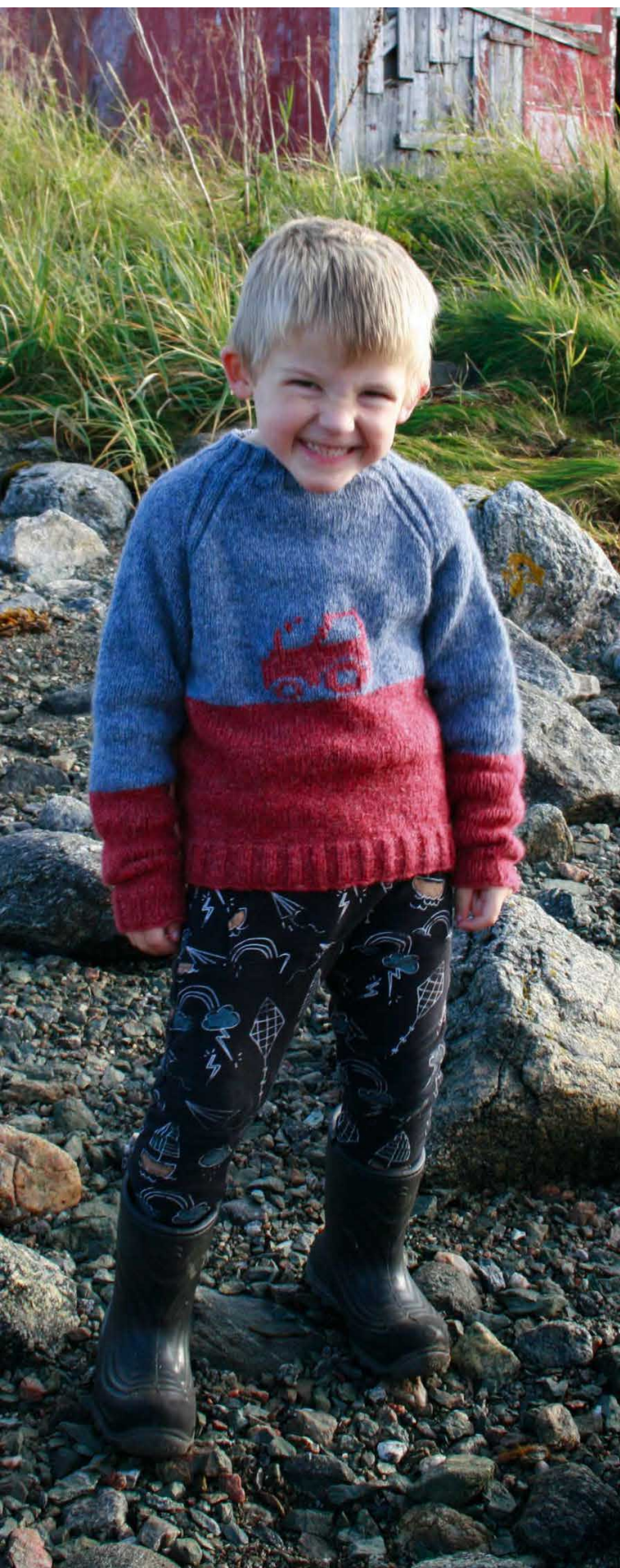
After increases are complete cont working st st in the round until the piece meas 24 (27: 31: 35: 39: 42)cm from the cast-on edge.

Next round Cast off 3 sts, K44 (46: 48: 50: 52: 54), **cast off** last 3 sts. [44 (46: 48: 50: 52: 54) sts]

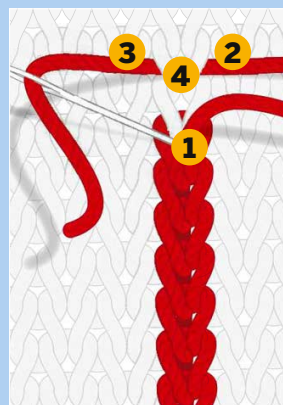
Break yarn.

YOKE

Place the Sleeve stitches on the same circular needle as the Body as follows without working the sts:
 Place one Sleeve before the front sts, PM, slip front sts, PM, place second Sleeve, PM, slip back sts, PM to mark beg of round. Beg of



STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



Swiss darning or duplicate stitch is a great way to add small details to your knitting, covering the stitch with an embroidery stitch the same shape as the stitch beneath it.

Work from bottom to top, bringing the needle out at the base of the stitch at **1**. Take the needle behind the top of the 'V', in at **2** and out at **3**. Take the needle down at **1** and bring it up at **4**, at the base of the stitch above. Continue in this way up the line of knitted stitches.

round is at back of left shoulder, 4 markers have been placed for raglan seams. [218 (230: 242: 258: 270: 282) sts]

Cont working only in Yarn A and set raglan pattern as follows:

Next round K1, P2, *knit to 3 sts before mrk, P2, K2, P2; rep from * 2 times, knit to last 3 sts, P2, K1.

Rep this round until the piece meas 1 (1: 2: 2: 2)cm from the start of the yoke.

Decrease round K1, P2, skpo *knit to 5 sts before mrk, k2tog, P2, K2, P2, skpo; rep from * 2 times, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, P2, K1. [8 sts dec'd]

Work decrease round every alt round a further 15 (16: 17: 18: 19: 20) times. Yoke should meas approx 12 (13: 14: 15: 16: 17)cm. [90 (94: 98: 106: 110: 114) sts]

Knit 1 round decreasing 18 (14: 18: 18: 22: 18) sts as follows: decrease 9 (7: 9: 9: 11: 9) sts evenly over the 33 (35: 37: 41: 43: 45) sts for the front piece and 9 (7: 9: 9: 11: 9) sts evenly over the 33 (35: 37: 41: 43: 45) sts for the back piece. [72 (80: 80: 88: 88: 96) sts]

There are now 12 sts between mrk for each Sleeve and 24 (28: 28: 32: 32: 36) sts each for front and back.

NECK

Change to a 3mm short circular needle or DPNs.

Rib round K1, P2, *K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1. Work rib round until rib meas 3cm.

Change to a 4mm short circular needle or DPNs.

Cast off in pattern.

MAKING UP

Using Yarn B and following the Chart for your size, embroider the tractor onto the front piece using Swiss darning. Begin on the 2nd round worked in Yarn A and adjust so the middle stitch on the front piece matches the stitch marked with an arrow on the Chart. Sew openings under the Sleeves. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 



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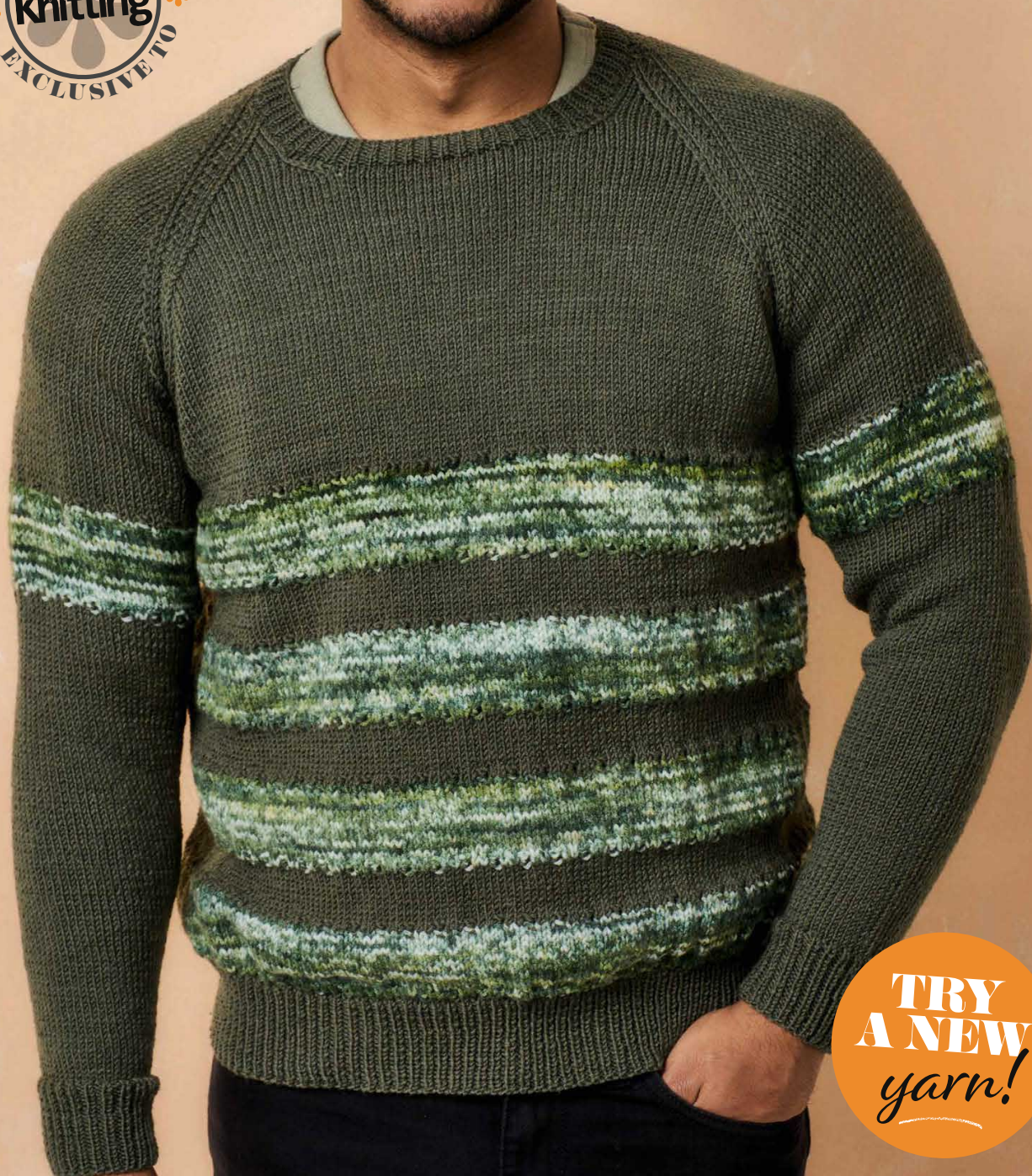
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MATTERDALE

Switch up a classic crew neck sweater with a few stripes of jazzy variegated yarn, in a matching colourway. By **Pat Menchini**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Luxury Merino DK (100% Merino, 50g/140m)
- ☐ King Cole Camouflage DK (100% acrylic, 100g/285 metres)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

23 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles and Yarn A

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

ABBREVIATIONS

M1P Pick up and purl into back of horizontal strand lying before next st
TWP Purl next 2 sts together but do not slip sts off needle, now purl the first of these sts again slipping both sts off needle – taking care not to pull yarn tightly when knitting the next stitch

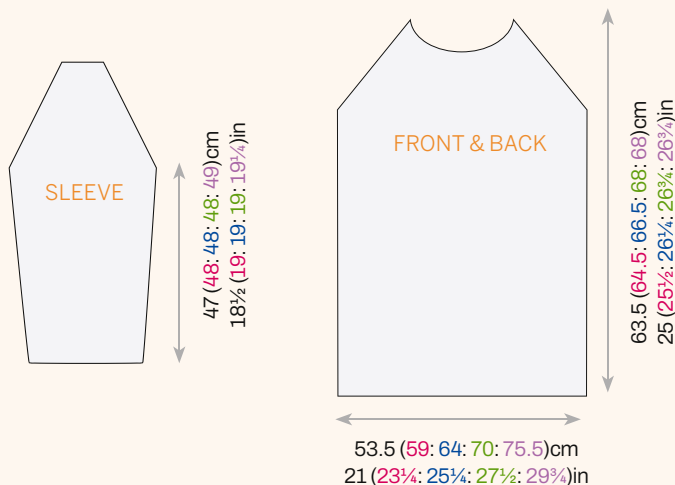
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MEN'S JUMPER BACK

Cast on 111 (123: 135: 145: 157) sts evenly using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K2, (P1, K1) to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) to end.

Rep these 2 rib rows until work measures 6 (6: 6: 6: 5) cm, ending after a Row 1.

Next row (WS) P5 (8: 11: 9: 7), [M1P, P17 (18: 19: 16: 18)] 6 (6: 6: 8: 8) times, M1P, P4 (7: 10: 8: 6), [118 (130: 142: 154: 166) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Pattern as follows, joining in and breaking off yarns when changing colours.

Row 1 (RS) With Yarn B, K2, (TWP, K2) to end.

Row 2 With Yarn B, P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Rows 3 to 14 With Yarn B, commencing with a K row work 12 rows in st st.

Rows 15 and 16 With Yarn A, work as Rows 1 and 2.

Rows 17 to 26 With Yarn A, commencing with a K row work 10 rows in st st.

These 26 rows set patt.

Rep Rows 1 to 26 twice more, then Rows 1 to 16 once again.

Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn A only.

Change to st st and beg with a K row for RS work 8 (8: 6: 6: 6) rows straight, thus ending after P row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Rows 1 and 2 Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7) sts loosely at beg of next 2 rows. [112 (122: 132: 142: 152) sts]

Row 3 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 K1, P1, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, P1, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 5 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 6 K1, P to last st, K1.

Rep the last 4 rows 7 (9: 10: 11: 12) times more, ending after Row 6. [64 (62: 66: 70: 74) sts]**

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	107	118	128	140	151
	in	42	46½	50½	55¼	59½
LENGTH	cm	63.5	64.5	66.5	68	68
	in	25	25½	26¼	26¾	26¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	47	48	48	48	49
	in	18½	19	19	19	19¼
YARN		King Cole Luxury Merino DK (50g/140m)				
Yarn A Mildew (2625)		7	8	9	10	11
YARN		King Cole Camouflage DK (100g/285m)				
Yarn B Safari (5366)		2	2	2	2	3

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



"My husband would love this jumper – he's a real outdoors person and loves the colour green. I'm loving those variegated stripes too, makes for a truly unique knit."

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD



Now rep Rows 5 and 6 only until 34 (36: 38: 42: 46) sts rem, ending after a Row 6.

Slip sts on a stitch holder and leave.

FRONT

Work as Back to **. [64 (62: 66: 70: 74) sts]

Now rep Rows 5 and 6 only until 54 (58: 60: 66: 70) sts rem, ending after Row 6.

SHAPE NECK

Continuing raglan decreasing on every RS row:

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog tbl, K13 (14: 14: 15: 15), turn and cont on this group of 16 (17: 17: 18: 18) sts for left half of neck.

Work 5 rows dec 1 st at neck edge on every row and at raglan edge on RS rows only. [9 (10: 10: 11: 11) sts]

Cont dec at raglan edge only on every RS row until 2 sts rem.

Work 1 row. **Cast off.**

With RS facing, slip next 20 (22: 24: 28: 32) sts (centre sts) on a stitch holder and leave. Neatly rejoin Yarn A at neck edge.

Next row (RS) K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

Complete to correspond with left half of neck.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Work in rib as on Back for 6cm, ending after a Row 1.

Next row (WS) P working M1P 3 (3: 3: 5: 5) times evenly across. [48 (50: 52: 56: 58) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Work 2 rows in st st beg with a K row for RS.

Cont in st st shaping Sleeve by inc 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll 6th (4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row until there are 72 (56: 62: 66: 78) sts, then on every foll 8th (6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 76 (82: 86: 90: 96) sts.

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 5) rows straight.

Break A. Join in B and work patt section

Row 1 (RS) K1 (2: 2: 2: 1), (TWP, K2) to last 3 (4: 4: 4: 3) sts, TWP, K1 (2: 2: 2: 1).

Row 2 P1 (2: 2: 2: 1), (K2, P2) to last 3 (4: 4: 4: 3) sts, K2, P1 (2: 2: 2: 1).

Rows 3 to 14 Commencing with a K row work 12 rows in st st, inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and 11th of these rows.

[80 (86: 90: 94: 100) sts]

Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn A only

Rows 15 and 16 As Rows 1 and 2.

Beg with a K row for RS work 10 (10: 8: 8: 8) rows straight in st st, or until Sleeve measures approx 47 (48: 48: 48: 49)cm from beg, measured through centre of work and ending after a P row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Rows 1 and 2 Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7) sts loosely, work to end.

[74 (78: 80: 82: 86) sts]

Row 3 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 4 K1, P1, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, P1, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

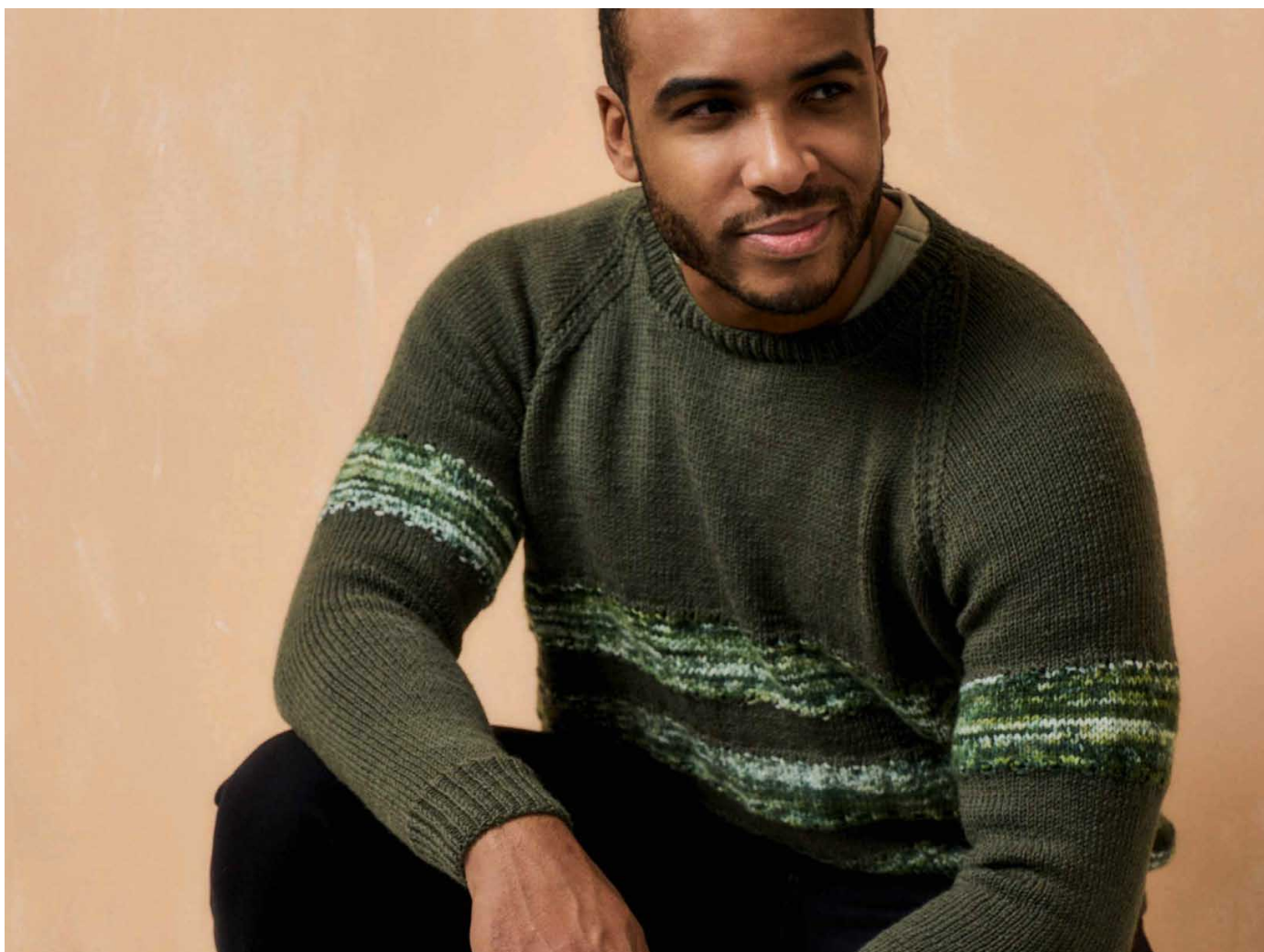
Row 5 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 6 K1, P to last st, K1.

Rep Rows 3 to 6 another 0 (0: 2: 3: 3) times.

[72 (76: 74: 74: 78) sts]

Now rep Rows 5 and 6 only until 8 (8: 10: 12: 12) sts rem, ending after a Row 6.



SIZES L, 1XL AND 2XL ONLY

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

Next row K1, P to last st, K1.

Next row Knit.

Next row K1, P to last st, K1.

Rep the last 4 rows - (: 0: 1: 1) more time(s). [8 sts]

ALL SIZES

Slip 8 sts on a small stitch holder and leave.

NECKBAND

Join raglan seams except right Back raglan.

With 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, RS facing, K34 (36: 38: 42: 46) sts from Back holder inc 2 (2: 2: 0: 0) sts evenly, K8 sts from left Sleeve, pick up and K15 (16: 16: 18: 19) sts down left side of neck, K20 (22: 24: 28: 32) sts from Front holder inc 2 (2: 2: 0: 0) sts evenly, pick up and K16 (17: 17: 19: 20) sts up right side of neck, finally K8 sts from right Sleeve. [105 (111: 115: 123: 133) sts] Purl 1 row.

Beg Row 1 work 9 rows in rib as on Back.

Cast off loosely and evenly in rib.

MAKING UP

Join rem raglan and Neckband seam. Fold Neckband in half to WS and stitch in position. Join side and Sleeve seams. 🧶

STEP-BY-STEP P2TOG PURL TWO TOGETHER



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



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



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



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

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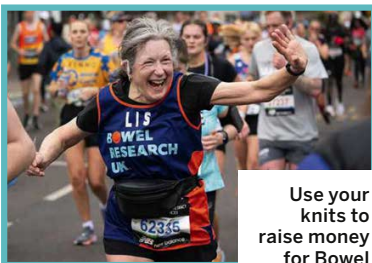
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YOU WILL NEED

☐ DK yarn from your stash

Approx 20g of

Yarn A Brown

Approx 15g of each

Yarn B Red

Yarn C Green

☐ A pair of 3mm needles

☐ A pair of 4mm needles

TENSION

12 sts and 14 rows to measure 5x5cm (2x2in) over st st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

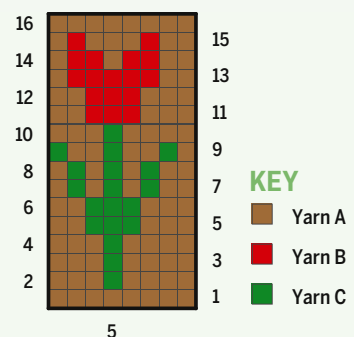
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MEASUREMENTS

8.5cm (3½in) tall x 40cm (15½in) circumference



CHART



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

PLANT POT COVER

Note To fit the shape of the plant pot, the bottom moss stitch section is worked using 3mm needles and the rest of the cover using 4mm needles.

The cover is worked back and forth on straight needles with the sides seamed together to create a cylinder.

Cast on 96 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 K1tbl to end.

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

Row 3 *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 once more, and then Row 2 again.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row (RS) Knit, working Row 1 of Chart, rep 8-st patt 12 times across row.

Next row Purl Row 2 of Chart, rep 8-st patt 12 times across row.

Continue in pattern as set until Chart is completed.

Work in moss stitch as Rows 2 and 3 for 5 rows.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends. Block piece gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Using Yarn A and mattress stitch, sew the row ends together.

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EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Dollymix DK (100% acrylic, 25g/73m)
- 2 balls of
- Yarn A** Lime (071)
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn B** Red (009)
- Yarn C** Orange (144)
- Yarn D** Gold (055)
- Yarn E** Shamrock (039)
- Yarn F** Royal (021)
- Yarn G** Crocus (307)
- Yarn H** White (001)
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ Toy filling

- ☐ A pair of toy safety eyes, 12mm diameter

TENSION

23 sts and 29 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Caterpillar 31cm (12¼in) long
Rings 10.5cm (4½in) diameter

ABBREVIATIONS

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KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



CATERPILLAR STACKER BODY RINGS (MAKE 6)

MAKE 1 EACH IN YARNS B, C, D, E, F AND G

Start at inside edge.

Cast on 42 sts using 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, (kfb, K4) 8 times, K1. [50 sts]

Row 4 K1, (kfb, K5) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

Row 6 K1, (kfb, K6) 8 times, K1. [66 sts]

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

Row 10 K1, (kfb, K8) 8 times, K1. [82 sts]

Rows 12 and 14 Knit.

Row 16 K1, (k2tog, K8) 8 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 18 K1, (k2tog, K7) 8 times, K1. [66 sts]

Row 20 K1, (k2tog, K6) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

Row 22 K1, (k2tog, K5) 8 times, K1. [50 sts]

Row 24 K1, (k2tog, K4) 8 times, K1. [42 sts]

Row 25 Purl.

Cast off.

SPINE

Start at neck edge.

Cast on 34 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 71 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 72 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 73 Purl.

Row 74 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 75 Purl.

Row 76 K1, (k2tog) 8 times, K1. [10 sts]

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

HEAD

Start at neck edge.

Cast on 34 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 2 (RS) K1, (kfb, K3) 8 times, K1. [42 sts]

Row 4 K1, (kfb, K4) 8 times, K1. [50 sts]

Row 6 K1, (kfb, K5) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

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

Row 10 K1, (kfb, K7) 8 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 12 K1, (kfb, K8) 8 times, K1. [82 sts]

Rows 14 and 16 Knit.

Row 18 K1, (k2tog, K8) 8 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 20 K1, (k2tog, K7) 8 times, K1. [66 sts]

Row 22 K1, (k2tog, K6) 8 times, K1. [58 sts]

Row 24 K1, (k2tog, K5) 8 times, K1. [50 sts]

Row 26 K1, (k2tog, K4) 8 times, K1. [42 sts]

Row 28 K1, (k2tog, K3) 8 times, K1. [34 sts]

Row 30 K1, (k2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 32 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 34 K1, (k2tog) 8 times, K1. [10 sts]

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

EYES (MAKE 2)

Start at outer edge.

Cast on 22 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 2 K1, (k2tog, K1) 7 times. [15 sts]

Row 4 K1, (k2tog) 7 times. [8 sts]

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

NOSE

Start at head edge.

Cast on 18 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 4 (RS) (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

FEELERS (MAKE 2)

Start at head edge.

Cast on 8 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 7 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 8 (RS) K1, (kfb) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]

Rows 9 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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



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.



MAKING UP

Head Sew side edges tog leaving cast-on edge open at neck (seam runs down centre underside).

Nose Sew side edges tog and add a little stuffing inside. Sew cast-on edge onto Head over gathered fasten-off sts at the front, with seamed side edge of Nose on underside.

Eyes Sew side edges tog to make a circle shape. Sew each Eye onto front of Head above Nose, catching a stitch on outer cast-on edge of each Eye to a stitch on Head all the way around. Insert toy safety eyes then stuff Head through open cast-on edge.

Feelers For each piece, sew side edges tog, adding a little stuffing inside wider fastened-off end only. Sew cast-on edge of each Feeler onto top of Head, with seamed Feeler side edges facing back.

Spine Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you go. Sew cast-on edge of Spine to cast-on edge of Head, lining up seamed side edges.

Body Rings For each, sew side edges tog taking care not to twist. Then sew cast-on and cast-off edges tog, stuffing as you go, and make sure each Body Ring is evenly stuffed before finishing seam. Slide finished Body Rings over Spine.

NEXT MONTH

Check out our baby blanket next issue, it's perfect for wrapping your little ones up in when things get a little chillier. Issue 277 is on sale on Tuesday 12 May and available at all good newsagents and supermarkets.





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QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Fluffy yarns will give socks a fun finish

THE SOFTEST SOCKS

Q Can I knit socks with a fluffy yarn that usually sticks together? How do I keep the stitches even?

Emily Carter

Fluffy yarn can be tricky, especially if you're knitting with small needles. Try slightly larger needles for looser stitches and work slowly, feeling each stitch carefully as you go. It might be a good idea to swatch a small square first to see how the yarn behaves and what it'll feel like to knit with it. Fluffy socks won't have a crisp stitch definition, but that's fine – it gives them a cosy, pillowy finish. Blocking lightly after finishing will even your socks' tension and improve their fit. **Kirstie**

STASHBUSTING SHAWL

Q I have leftover sock yarn from several projects. Can I make a decent shawl with them, or will it be too scratchy?

Chloe Bennett

Sock yarn shouldn't feel scratchy and could be perfect for a shawl. You could consider a moss stitch or striped pattern to help merge the colours together, or a simple stitch pattern, like garter or stockinette, to allow the colours to stand out. If you're worried about uneven yarn thickness, alternate skeins every few rows and plan colour transitions gradually. After knitting, a light block will even out stitch inconsistencies and soften the fabric. The best part? Each shawl ends up totally unique – a patchwork of memories from your previous projects and before too long it'll become a piece you'll treasure. **Sophie**

MIXED-UP MITTENS

Q I want to knit mittens with two different yarns – wool and alpaca. Will they behave differently after washing?

Sophie Patel

You'll create some super warm mittens! But they'll definitely respond differently to moisture and agitation. Knit a swatch in both fibres and wash it as you would the finished piece so you'll notice shrinkage, stretch, or felting tendencies. Typically, using wool for structure and alpaca for warmth works best. Gently wash and air dry your mittens to prevent help the fibres come together. **Jen**



Combining yarns for your knits can be a great way to add more structure and warmth



Create shawls with your leftover sock yarns



Soften rainbow yarns with a neutral colour

GROWN-UP RAINBOWS

Q I have a rainbow gradient yarn that's gorgeous, but I don't want it to knit something that looks like a child's jumper. How can I "adultify" it? **Poppy Kahn**

You could try combining your yarn with a neutral colour (black, grey, navy or cream) to break up the rainbow and make it look more grown up. Subtle stitch patterns such as seed stitch will help to reduce the focus on colour. go for sastatus.com you will enjoy Or sometimes, holding the gradient yarn together with a thinner neutral strand tempers brightness without hiding it. You could even work stripes in short bursts rather than long blocks, to make the colours look intentional rather than playful. With these ideas you'll end up with something colourful yet chic. **Kirstie**



Fabric strips make a robust yarn for upcycling knits

KNITTING WITH FABRIC

Q Can you knit a bag out of old fabric strips? How do you make it flexible enough to use properly?

Lily Morgan

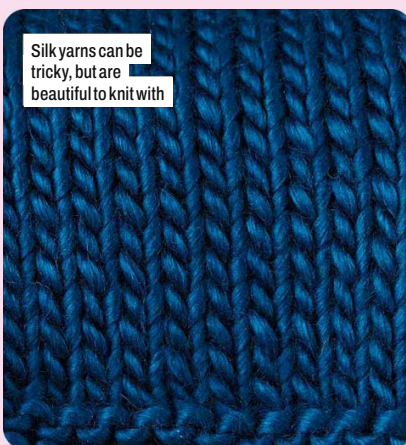
Yes! Knitting with fabric creates a unique, durable project. If you cut the fabric into thin strips you can treat them like "yarn." Cotton works best. Knit your fabric yarn on large needles to encourage flexibility, and consider doubling strips if they're a little bit too narrow. You can combine your fabric yarn with normal yarn to soften edges or handles if you like. For structure, knit the base slightly tighter, then loosen for the body. It's a brilliant way to use up old duvets, sheets and pillow cases. **Cory**

SUCCESS WITH SILK

Q My yarn keeps splitting on my needles, especially the silky kind. Should I just avoid silk yarns, or is there a technique to help?

Olivia W

Splitting silk yarns can be annoying, but don't give up on silky yarns! First try needles with a slightly rounded tip – they glide without catching fibres. Work slowly and deliberately, and make sure your stitches are snug but not tight. If a strand splits, gently form it back together before the next stitch; as you get more confident you'll be able to tell instantly when a stitch is starting to split. Some knitters even hold the yarn in a slightly different position, adjust tension or twist the yarn slightly to keep strands aligned. It's about small tweaks, patience, and developing a rhythm with that particular yarn. **Jen**



Silk yarns can be tricky, but are beautiful to knit with

BAGGY BRIOCHE

Q I'm knitting a reversible scarf in brioche stitch, but one side looks looser and less defined than the other. Why is this happening, and can I fix it? **Rosy O'Connor**

Brioche stitches naturally pull differently on knit and purl sides, which can make one side looser. To even the fabric, focus on keeping the yarn-over snug without tightening the stitch too much. Gently tugging each stitch into place after it's worked helps equalise tension. Blocking is essential – it opens up the looser side and balances stitch height, giving a more uniform appearance. **Cory**



Beautiful brioche can create gorgeous patterns

5 TOP TIPS FOR SOCK KNITTING

Dive into **Sophie Jordan's** top tips for perfecting your sock knitting techniques



Choose the right yarn

Pick a sturdy sock yarn with some nylon blended in – it helps your socks last longer and bounce back into shape. Soft wool adds comfort, while durable nylon keeps your finished pair looking great through many wears.

Prioritise gauge and fit

Take time to swatch in the round and check your gauge. A snug, slightly stretchy fabric helps socks fit beautifully. Small adjustments to needle size can make a big difference in comfort and everyday wear.

Master heel construction

Don't be afraid to try different heel styles to see what you enjoy knitting most. Each method teaches new skills, and a well-shaped heel adds comfort, durability and a satisfying finish.

Use lifelines and markers

Lifelines and stitch markers are your quiet helpers when knitting socks, especially if you're knitting them in a pattern stitch other than stocking stitch. They keep your knitting organised and make it easier to identify and fix mistakes.

Reinforce high-stress areas

Give heels and toes extra attention with tighter stitches or simple reinforcement techniques. These small efforts strengthen your socks, helping them last longer while still feeling soft, flexible, and comfortable on your feet.





TOASTY TOES

Keep their feet warm and snug with a pair of baby booties,
in a soft but strong yarn. By **Handmade by Irene**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Scheepjes Kindsome (60% wool, 40% compostable polyester, 50g/150m)
- 1 ball of Pollen (711)
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles

TENSION

24 sts and 36 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

SIZES

Newborn (0-3m: 3-6m)

To fit foot length

8 (9: 10)cm or 3¼ (3½: 4)in

Actual foot length

7.5 (8.5: 9.5)cm or 3 (3¼: 3¾)in

Actual leg circumference

12.5 (14: 16)cm or 5 (5½: 6¼)in

Actual leg length (cuff to sole)

7 (8: 9)cm or 2¾ (3¼: 3½)in

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists visit Sheepjes at www.scheepjes.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ Lindehobby www.lindehobby.co.uk
- ☐ Yarnalicious www.yarnalicious.com



BOOTEE (MAKE 2) LEG

Cast on 32 (36: 40) sts, using 3mm needles.

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

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

Rep Rows 1 and 2 once more, then Row 1 once more.

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

Next row (RS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Rep last row another 3 times.

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

Next row (RS) K11 (12: 13), (K1, P1) 5 (6: 7) times, leave last 11 (12: 13) sts unworked on your needle, turn work and work over centre 10 (12: 14) sts only.

CENTRE SECTION

Row 1 (P1, K1) 5 (6: 7) times.

Row 2 (K1, P1) 5 (6: 7) times.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 8 (10: 12) times, then Row 1 once more. Break yarn.

With RS facing, join yarn to unworked sts at the end of the row and K11 (12: 13) to the end of the row.

Next row (WS) P11 (12: 13), pick up and P10 (12: 14) sts along first side of centre section, P10 (12: 14) over centre sts, pick up and P10 (12: 14) sts along other side of centre section, P11 (12: 13).

[52 (60: 68) sts]

Beg with a K row, work 9 (11: 15) rows in st st.

Cast off all sts.

SOLE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 (9: 10) sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) P1, (P1, K1) 3 (3: 4) times, P1 (2: 1).

"Knitting a pair of baby booties for a new birth can be so rewarding. I like to wrap mine in tissue paper and pack them in a cardboard box tied up with a bow."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Row 2 (RS) K1, M1, P 0 (1: 0), (K1, P1) 3 (3: 4) times, M1, K1. [10 (11: 12) sts]

Row 3 P1, (K1, P1) 4 (4: 5) times, K 0 (1: 0), P1.

Row 4 K1 (2: 1), (P1, K1) 4 (4: 5) times, K1.

Row 5 Rep Row 3.

Row 6 K1, M1, K 0 (1: 0), (P1, K1) 4 (4: 5) times, M1, K1. [12 (13: 14) sts]

Row 7 P1, (P1, K1) 5 (5: 6) times, P1 (2: 1).

Row 8 K1, P 0 (1: 0), (K1, P1) 5 (5: 6) times, K1.

Rep Rows 7 and 8 a further 7 (9: 11) times, then Row 7 once more.

Next row K1, p2tog, P 0 (1: 0), (K1, P1) 3 (3: 4) times, k2tog, K1. [10 (11: 12) sts]

Next row P1, (K1, P1) 4 (4: 5) times, P1 (2: 1).

Next row K1, P 0 (1: 0), (P1, K1) 4 (4: 5) times, K1.

Next row P1, (K1, P1) 4 (4: 5) times, P1 (2: 1).

Next row K1, P 0 (1: 0), k2tog, (P1, K1) 2 (2: 3) times, p2tog, K1. [8 (9: 10) sts]

Next row P1, (P1, K1) 3 (3: 4) times, P1 (2: 1).

Cast off all sts.

MAKING UP

Join back seam of Bootee, then join Sole to Bootee sewing just below cast-off edge. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶



LANG YARNS BABY ALPACA

Baby Alpaca is a beautifully soft, lightweight yarn with a gentle halo that gives finished pieces an elegant, cosy feel. It's an absolute delight to knit with, gliding smoothly on the needles and giving a lovely stitch definition. Baby Alpaca has been treated with an eco-friendly Easywash finish, so you can machine wash on a wool cycle without worrying about shrinkage or felting. Perfect for luxurious yet practical garments and accessories.

RRP £11.49 **WEIGHT** Sport **NEEDLE** 3mm
BALL 50g/170m **CONTENT** 100% baby alpaca **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.knitmcintosh.com



UK ALPACA SUPERFINE ALPACA SPECKLEDY DK

A soft, luxurious yarn that feels beautiful next to the skin, Superfine Alpaca Speckledy DK blends natural black, dark brown, and red-brown fibres with white wool to create a soft grey base. This base is then overdyed to produce six warm, richly nuanced shades. Warm yet lightweight, it is an excellent choice for garments and accessories.

RRP £9 **WEIGHT** DK **NEEDLE** 4mm
BALL 50g/112m **CONTENT** 75% superfine alpaca, 25% wool
CARE Hand wash, dry flat
www.ukalpaca.com



CASCADE YARNS BABY ALPACA CHUNKY

Need a yarn for a quick knit? Then Cascade's Baby Alpaca Chunky is the perfect choice. Incredibly soft and cosy, this chunky-weight yarn works up fast while still giving you lovely stitch definition. It's ideal for warm accessories, snug garments, and last-minute gifts that feel luxurious. With 29 shades to choose from, there's something to suit every project. A fantastic option when you want speed, warmth, and quality all in one yarn.

RRP £18.99 **WEIGHT** Chunky **NEEDLE** 6mm
BALL 100g/99m **CONTENT** 100% baby alpaca **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat
www.cascadeyarns.com

Awesome alpaca

Wrap yourself in cosy luxury! This collection of alpaca yarns is super soft, wonderfully warm, and full of rich, beautiful colours



DROPS ALPACA

Drops Alpaca is a beautifully light and soft yarn with a gentle sheen and delicate halo that adds elegance to any project. Wonderfully comfortable next to the skin, it's an excellent choice for garments you'll want to wear all day. With over 60 shades in the range, you're truly spoilt for choice. The yarn combines warmth, drape, and luxury for effortlessly wearable knits.

RRP £3.40 **WEIGHT** 4ply **NEEDLE** 3mm
BALL 50g/167m **CONTENT** 100% alpaca
CARE Hand wash, dry flat
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



KING COLE BABY ALPACA

Exceptionally soft and delicate to the touch, King Cole's Baby Alpaca is crafted from the first cut of the baby alpaca coat. It knits up beautifully into garments and accessories that feel comfortable next to the skin, while still providing the gentle warmth you need. Available in 16 carefully chosen colours, it offers a refined palette for creating timeless, classic knits everyone will love.

RRP £6.46 **WEIGHT** DK **NEEDLE** 4mm
BALL 50g/100m **CONTENT** 100% baby alpaca **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat
www.kingcole.com



RICO LUXURY PURE BABY ALPACA

Rico's Pure Baby Alpaca is a lightweight, airy yarn that feels beautifully soft and cosy in the hand. The finished fabric develops a gentle, fleece-like texture that adds extra warmth and comfort without heaviness. Ideal for kids' cosy knits and snuggly accessories. A great choice when you want softness, warmth, and a softly brushed-like finish in your projects.

RRP £14.99 **WEIGHT** Aran **NEEDLE** 5mm
BALL 50g/150m **CONTENT** 100% baby alpaca **CARE** Hand wash, dry flat
www.rico-design.de

DAILY VINTAGE

Icy blue combines with warm orange and burgundy in this round neck cardigan knitted in a wool and mohair blend. By **Lisa Richardson**

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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Kid Classic (aran, 70% wool, 22% mohair, 8% polyamide, 50g/140m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles
- ☐ 7 buttons, 18mm diameter

TENSION

19 sts and 25 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5mm needles

19 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patterned st st using 5.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ The Orry Mill
07737020726
www.theorrymill.co.uk
- ☐ Black Sheep Wools
01925 764231
www.blacksheepwools.com

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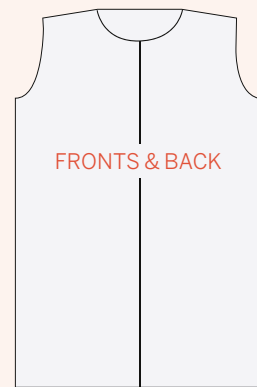
- Yarn A
- Yarn D
- Yarn B
- K on RS; P on WS
- Yarn C
- Repeat

LOVE YOUR LOCAL YARN SHOP

Your local yarn shop is full of inspiration and expertise. Visit in person, buy while you're there, and help keep your yarn community thriving. Find your local yarn shop on page 70.

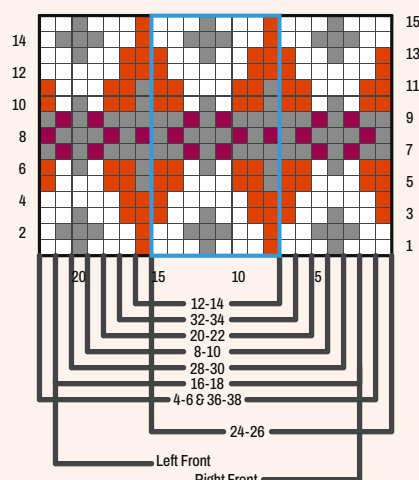


44 (45: 45: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46)cm
17 1/4 (17 1/4: 17 1/4: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18: 18)in



49 (51: 53: 55: 57: 59: 60: 62: 63)cm
19 1/4 (20: 20 3/4: 21 1/4: 22 1/4: 23 1/4: 23 1/4: 24 1/4: 24 3/4)in

BODY CHART



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

SLEEVE CHART



BORDER CARDIGAN BACK

Cast on 78 (86: 98: 106: 118: 126: 138: 146: 158) sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib until Back meas 5cm, dec (inc: dec: inc: dec: inc: dec: inc: dec) 1 st at centre of last row and ending with RS facing for next row. [77 (87: 97: 107: 117: 127: 137: 147: 157) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique and repeating the 8-st patt repeat 8 (10: 12: 12: 14: 15: 16: 18: 18) times across each row, cont in patt from Body Chart, which is worked entirely in st st beg with a K row, as folls:

Work all 15 rows of Chart, ending with WS facing for next row. Break off contrasts and complete Back using Yarn A only.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	81	91.5	102	112.5	123	133.5	144	154.5	165
	in	32	36	40½	44½	48½	52½	56½	60½	65
LENGTH	cm	49	51	53	55	57	59	60	62	63
	in	19½	20	20½	21½	22½	23½	23½	24½	25½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	45	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	17½	17½	17½	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN		Rowan Kid Classic (aran, 50g/140m)								
Yarn A Drought (876)		5	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	10
Yarn B Smoke (831)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Tiger (913)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Mulberry (894)		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



"This favourite cosy cardigan knitted in a wool blend will see you through all seasons. Add a little colourwork border and you'll have all you need for a stylish cover-up."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a P row, cont in st st until Back meas 27 (28: 28.5: 29: 29.5: 30: 30: 31: 31)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 2 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [73 (81: 89: 97: 105: 113: 121: 129: 137) sts]

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, K to last 4 sts, sl1, K1, psso, K2.

Next row P2, p2togtbl, P to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2.

Rep last 2 rows 0 (1: 2: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7) times more.

[69 (73: 77: 85: 89: 93: 97: 101: 105) sts]

Working all armhole decreases as set, dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 2 (2: 2: 3: 2: 2: 2: 2) alt rows, then on foll 4th row.

[61 (65: 69: 75: 81: 85: 89: 93: 97) sts]

Cont straight until armhole meas 19 (20: 21.5: 23: 24.5: 26: 27: 28: 29)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 4 (4: 4: 5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts, K until there are 16 (17: 19: 20: 22: 23: 25: 26: 28) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Next row P2, p2togtbl, P to end.

Next row **Cast off** 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts, K to last 4 sts, sl1, K1, psso, K2.

Rep last 2 rows once more. [4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8) sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 21 (23: 23: 25: 25: 27: 27: 27: 27) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin Yarn A and K to end.

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 4 (4: 4: 5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts, P to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2.

Next row K2, k2tog, K to end.

Next row **Cast off** 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts, P to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2.

Next row K2, k2tog, K to end.

Next row **Cast off** 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8) sts, P to end.

Next row Knit.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 35 (39: 47: 51: 55: 59: 67: 71: 75) sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K2, *P2, K2, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, P2, *K2, P2, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib until left front meas 5cm, inc (inc: dec: -: inc: inc: dec: -: inc) 1 (2: 1: -: 1: 2: 1: -: 1) sts evenly across last row and ending with RS facing for next row. [36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71: 76) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique and repeating the 8-st patt repeat 3 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8) times across each row, cont in patt from Body Chart, which is worked entirely in st st beg with a K row, as folls:

Work all 15 rows of Chart, ending with WS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and complete Left Front using Yarn A only.

* BORDER CARDIGAN

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a P row, cont in st st until Left Front matches Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 2 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of next row.

[34 (38: 42: 46: 50: 54: 58: 62: 66) sts]

Work 1 row.

Working armhole decreases in same way as Back armhole decreases, dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 3 (5: 7: 7: 9: 11: 13: 15: 17) rows, then on foll 2 (2: 2: 3: 2: 2: 2: 2) alt rows, then on foll 4th row. [28 (30: 32: 35: 38: 40: 42: 44: 46) sts]

Cont straight until 14 (14: 14: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 20) rows less have been worked than on Back before beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K23 (24: 26: 29: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40) and turn, leaving rem 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on a holder (for neckband).

Working all decreases in same way as Back neck decreases, dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3) alt rows, then on 1 (1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 2) foll 4th rows.

[16 (17: 19: 21: 24: 25: 27: 29: 31) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 4 (4: 4: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next and foll 2 (2: 0: 2: 2: 2: 0: 2: 0) alt rows, then 0 (0: 5: 0: 0: 0: 7: 0: 8) sts at beg of foll 0 (0: 2: 0: 0: 0: 2: 0: 2) alt rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 35 (39: 47: 51: 55: 59: 67: 71: 75) sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K3, *P2, K2, rep from * to end.

Row 2 P2, *K2, P2, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib until right front meas 5cm, inc (inc: dec: -: inc: inc: dec: -: inc) 1 (2: 1: -: 1: 2: 1: -: 1) sts evenly across last row and ending with RS facing for next row. [36 (41: 46: 51: 56: 61: 66: 71: 76) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Beg and ending rows as indicated, using the Fair Isle technique and repeating the 8-st patt repeat 3 (4: 5: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8) times across



each row, cont in patt from Body Chart, which is worked entirely in st st beg with a K row, as folls:

Work all 15 rows of Chart, ending with WS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and complete right front using Yarn A only.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a P row, cont in st st and complete to match Left Front, reversing shapings, working first row of Front neck shaping as folls:

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) and slip these sts onto a holder (for neckband), K to end.

[23 (24: 26: 29: 32: 34: 36: 38: 40) sts]

SLEEVES

Cast on 42 (42: 42: 46: 46: 46: 50: 50) sts using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in rib as given for Back for 7cm, dec (inc: inc: dec: dec: inc: inc: dec: dec) 1 st at centre of last row and ending with RS facing for next row. [41 (43: 43: 45: 45: 47: 47: 49: 49) sts]

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

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 on to 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.

Change to 5.5mm needles.

Beg and ending rows as indicated and using the Fair Isle technique, cont in patt from Sleeve Chart, which is worked entirely in st st beg with a K row, as folls:

SIZES 4-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26 AND 28-30 ONLY

Work 2 (4: 4: 2: 2: 2: -) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

ALL SIZES

Next row (RS) Patt 2 sts, M1, patt to last 2 sts, M1, patt 2 sts.

Working all Sleeve increases as set by last row, inc 1 st at each end of 8th (6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 2nd) and 1 (2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4: 5: 1) foll 8th (6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: alt) rows, then on - (-: -: -: -: 5) foll - (-: -: -: -: -: 4th) rows, taking inc sts into patt.

[47 (51: 51: 53: 57: 59: 59: 63: 65) sts]

Work 6 (2: 2: 4: 2: 2: 2: 0: 0) rows, ending after Row 25 of Chart and with WS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and complete Sleeve using Yarn A only.

Change to 5mm needles.

Beg with a P row, cont in st st as folls:

Inc 1 st at each end of 2nd (6th: 4th: 2nd: 2nd: 2nd: 2nd: 4th: 4th) and 6 (6: 7: 9: 9: 3: 9: 10: 13) foll 8th (8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) rows, then on - (-: 1: -: -: 7: 3: 2: -) foll - (-: 8th: -: -: 6th: 6th: 6th: -) rows. [61 (65: 69: 73: 77: 81: 85: 89: 93) sts]

Cont straight until Sleeve meas 44 (45: 45: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 2 (3: 4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[57 (59: 61: 63: 65: 67: 69: 71: 73) sts]

Working all Sleeve top decreases in same way as Back armhole decreases, dec 1 st at each end of next 5 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows, then on 1 (1: 1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 2) foll 4th rows.

[41 (43: 45: 47: 47: 49: 51: 53: 55) sts]

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

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 29 sts rem, then on foll 7 rows.

Cast off rem 15 sts.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Join both shoulder seams using mattress stitch, or backstitch if preferred.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and using 4.5mm needles, slip 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on right front holder onto right needle, rejoin Yarn A and pick up and knit 18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 22: 22: 22: 24) sts up right side of Front neck and 5 sts down right side of Back neck, K across 21 (23: 23: 25: 25: 27: 27: 27: 27) sts on Back holder dec (dec: dec: inc: inc: dec: dec: dec: dec) 1 st at centre, pick up and knit 5 sts up left side of Back neck and 18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 22: 22: 22: 24) sts down left side of front neck, then K across 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on left front holder. [76 (80: 80: 88: 88: 92: 92: 92: 96) sts]

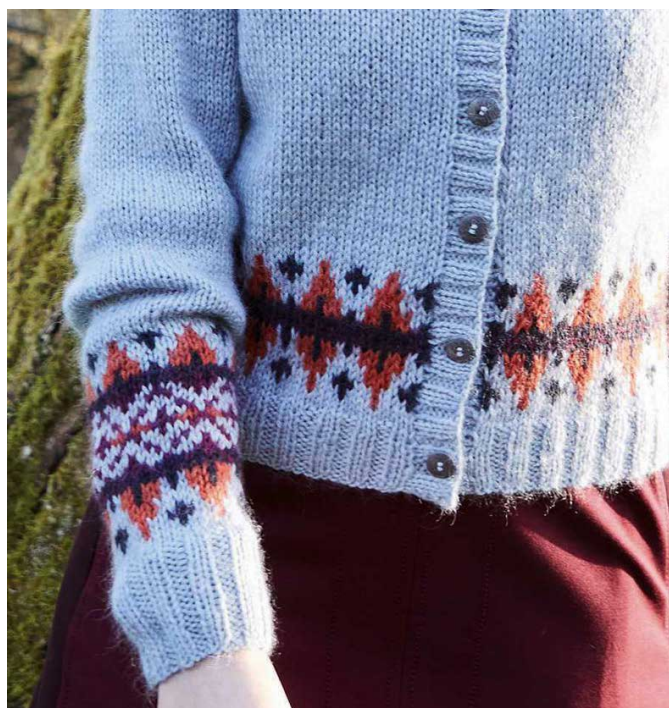
Row 1 (WS) K1, P2, *K2, P2, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 K3, *P2, K2, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form rib.

Cont in rib for a further 4 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).



BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 96 (100: 104: 108: 112: 116: 116: 120: 120) sts evenly along left front opening edge from top of Neckband to cast-on edge. Work in rib as given for Neckband for 6 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 96 (100: 104: 108: 112: 116: 116: 120: 120) sts evenly along right front opening edge from cast-on edge to top of Neckband. Work in rib as given for Neckband for 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

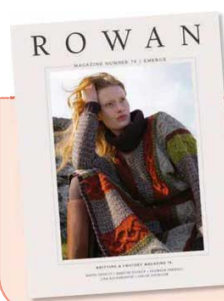
Next row (RS) Rib 6 (5: 4: 6: 5: 4: 4: 6: 6), *yrn, work 2 tog (to make a buttonhole), rib 12 (13: 14: 14: 15: 16: 16: 16: 16), rep from * 5 times more, yrn, work 2 tog (to make 7th buttonhole), rib 4 (3: 2: 4: 3: 2: 2: 4: 4).

Work in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

FINISHING

Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Set in Sleeve, easing sleevehead into armhole. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes. 🧵



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SHAPES & SHADES

Filled with learning opportunities, this discovery blanket by **Ann Franklin** has shapes on one side and textures on the other





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m), 1 ball of each
 - Yarn A** Bottle Green (839)
 - Yarn B** Zest (582)
 - Yarn C** Turquoise (998)
 - Yarn D** Ladybird (698)
 - Yarn E** Cupid (944)
 - Yarn F** Bright Purple (828)
 - Yarn G** Neon Blue (553)
 - Yarn H** Primrose (957)
 - Yarn I** Aran (993)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 50g (2oz) wadding

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) using 4mm needles, although tension isn't important to this project

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 80x80cm (31½x31½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

MB (*make bobble*) Knit into the front, back and front of the next st (3 sts made); turn; K3, turn; P3, turn; K3, turn; sl1, k2tog, psso
M Main colour
C Contrast colour

For a full list see page 77

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PATCHWORK BLANKET TEXTURED PATTERN SIDE

All of the squares are 44 stitches x 56 rows. Therefore for each square, use 4mm needles and cast on 44 stitches, work in the pattern set for each square for 55 rows, and cast off on Row 56. This means that not all patterns have fully complete pattern repeats at the end of the square. This is not important, as long as the correct number of rows are worked, so just repeat as many rows of the pattern as is possible.

SQUARE ONE – BOXES

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (P4, K4) to the last 4 sts, P4.

Row 4 (K4, P4) to the last 4 sts, K4.

Row 5 (P4, K4) to the last 4 sts, P4.

Row 6 (K4, P4) to the last 4 sts, K4.

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 Knit.

These 8 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE TWO – BOBBLES

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K4, (MB, K8) to the last 4 sts, MB, K3.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 K8, (MB, K8) to the end of the row.

Row 8 Purl.

These 8 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE THREE – REVERSE DOT STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 (P1, K3) to the end of the row.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 K2, (P1, K3) to the last 2 sts, P1, K1.

These 4 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE FOUR – MISTAKE RIB

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (P2, K2) to the end of the row.

Row 2 K1, (P2, K2) to the last 3 sts, P2, K1.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE FIVE – DOT STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (P1, K3) to the end of the row.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K2, (P1, K3) to the last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Row 4 Purl.

These 4 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE SIX – STOCKING STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE SEVEN – MOSS STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (K1, P1) to the end of the row.

Row 2 (P1, K1) to the end of the row.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE EIGHT – PERIGORD STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 P3, (yrn, P2, pass yrn over the P2 just worked, P2) to the last st, P1.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 P1, (yrn, P2, pass yrn over the P2 just worked, P2) to the last 3sts, yrn, P2, pass yrn over the P2 just worked, P1.

These 4 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in purl on Row 56.

SQUARE NINE – BRAMBLE STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 (Knit, purl and knit all into the front of the next st, p3tog) to the end of the row.

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (P3tog, knit, purl and knit all into the front of the next st) to the end of the row

These 4 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in purl on Row 56.

SQUARE TEN – DOUBLE RIB

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 P3, (K2, P2) to the last 5 sts, K2, P3.

Row 2 K3, (P2, K2) to the last 5 sts, P2, K3.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE ELEVEN – RINGWOOD STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 (K1, P1) to the end of the row.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE TWELVE – DIAGONAL RIB

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (K2, P2) to the end of the row.

Row 2 As Row 1.

Row 3 K1, (P2, K2) to the last 3 sts, P2, K1.

Row 4 P1, (K2, P2) to the last 3 sts, K2, P1.

Row 5 (P2, K2) to the end of the row.

Row 6 As Row 5.

Row 7 P1, (K2, P2) to the last 3 sts, K2, P1.

Row 8 K1, (P2, K2) to the last 3sts, P2, K1.

These 8 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.



Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE THIRTEEN – DOUBLE MOSS STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 K2, P2 to the end of the row.

Row 2 As Row 1.

Row 3 P2, K2 to the end of the row.

Row 4 As Row 3.

These 4 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE FOURTEEN – REVERSE STOCKING STITCH

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Knit.

These 2 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE FIFTEEN – HORIZONTAL STRIPES

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Rows 3 to 8 repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 Knit.

Rows 11 to 16 repeat Rows 9 and 10.

These 16 rows set the pattern.

Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

SQUARE SIXTEEN – REVERSE RINGWOOD PATTERN

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 (K1, P1) to the end of the row
These 2 rows set the pattern.
Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.
Cast off in pattern on Row 56.

COLOURED PATTERN SIDE

Note All of the squares are 44 stitches x 56 rows. Therefore for each square, use 4mm needles and **cast on** 44 stitches, work in stocking stitch in the colours given for each square for 55 rows, and **cast off** on Row 56. Main colour = M, contrast colour = C.

STRIPED SQUARES

Make 4 in the following colours:

Square 1 Main colour A / Contrast colour H.

Square 7 Main colour C / Contrast colour D.

Square 10 Main colour F / Contrast colour I.

Square 16 Main colour E / Contrast colour B.

Note Join in both colours at the beginning of the square, and carry non-working colours loosely up the side of the square rather than breaking off the colours.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Row 1 Main colour – knit.

Row 2 Main colour – purl.

Row 3 Contrast colour – knit.

Row 4 Contrast colour – purl.

These 4 rows set the colour pattern. Continue in pattern as set until 55 rows in total have been worked.

Cast off in appropriate colour on Row 56.

CHECKERBOARD SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 2 Main colour D / Contrast colour H.

Square 12 Main colour G / Contrast colour I.

Note Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for the second section of each colour before you start to knit.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Row 1 Knit 11M, 11C, 11M, 11C.

Row 2 Purl 11C, 11M, 11C, 11M.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 six more times.

Row 15 Knit 11C, 11M, 11C, 11M.

Row 16 Purl 11M, 11C, 11M, 11C.

Repeat Rows 15 and 16 six more times.

Row 29 As Row 1.

Row 30 As Row 2.

Repeat Rows 29 and 30 six more times.

Row 43 As Row 15.

Row 44 As Row 16.

Repeat Rows 43 and 44 six more times.

Cast off on the final row (Row 56) in the colours as set.

RECTANGLE SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 3 Main colour A / Contrast colour I.

Square 5 Main colour I / Contrast colour C.

Note Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for each section of each colour before you start to knit – you will need 5 separate balls in main colour and 4 separate balls in contrast colour.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Beginning knit, work 6 rows in stocking stitch.

Row 7 Knit 6M, 32C, 6M.

Row 8 Purl 6M, 32C, 6M.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 once.

Row 11 Knit 6M, 4C, 24M, 4C, 6M.

Row 12 Purl 6M, 4C, 24M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat Rows 11 and 12 once.

Row 15 Knit 6M, 4C, 4M, 16C, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Row 16 Purl 6M, 4C, 4M, 16C, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat Rows 15 and 16 once.

Row 19 Knit 6M, 4C, 4M, C4, 8M, C4, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Row 20 Purl 6M, 4C, 4M, C4, 8M, C4, 4M, 4C, 6M.

Repeat Rows 19 and 20 nine times more.

Rows 39 to 42 As Rows 15 to 18.

Rows 43 to 46 As Rows 11 to 14.

Rows 47 to 50 As Rows 7 to 10.

Working in M only, and beginning knit, work 5 rows in stocking stitch.

Cast off on Row 56 in purl.

WINDMILL SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 4 Main colour B / Contrast colour D.

Square 14 Main colour G / Contrast colour I.

Note Use a separate ball of yarn for each colour section. You will need to wind off a small ball (less than 10g) of each colour for each section of each colour before you start to knit – you will need 3 separate balls of each in main colour and contrast colour.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Having all odd rows knit, and all even rows purl, work in the following colours:

Rows 1 and 2 8M, 28C, 8M.

Rows 3 and 4 9M, 26C, 9M.

Rows 5 and 6 10M, 24C, 10M.

Rows 7 and 8 11M, 22C, 11M.

Rows 9 and 10 12M, 20C, 12M.

Rows 11 and 12 13M, 18C, 13M.

Rows 13 and 14 14M, 16C, 14M.

Rows 15 and 16 15M, 14C, 15M.

Rows 17 and 18 16M, 12C, 16M.

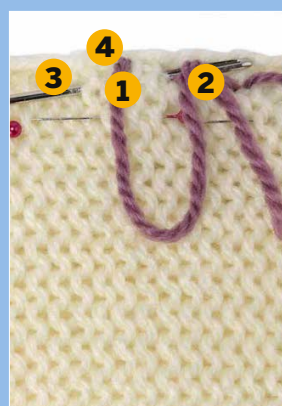
Rows 19 and 20 17M, 10C, 17M.

Rows 21 and 22 18M, 8C, 18M.

Rows 23 and 24 19M, 6C, 19M.

Rows 25 and 26 20M, 4C, 20M.

STEP-BY-STEP BACKSTITCH



Pin your two pieces together and secure your sewing yarn tail a stitch length to the right of where you are starting. Now working from right to left, bring the needle up a couple of stitches away at **1**. Take the needle down at **2** and up again at **3** and down at **4**. Repeat this motion, keeping the stitches regular and ensuring you put the needle through the middle of each knitted stitch to avoid splitting the fabric.



Rows 27 and 28 21M, 2C, 21M.
Rows 29 and 30 21C, 2M, 21C.
Rows 31 and 32 20C, 4M, 20C.
Rows 33 and 34 19C, 6M, 19C.
Rows 35 and 36 18C, 8M, 18C.
Rows 37 and 38 17C, 10M, 17C.
Rows 39 and 40 16C, 12M, 16C.
Rows 41 and 42 15C, 14M, 15C.
Rows 43 and 44 14C, 16M, 14C.
Rows 45 and 46 13C, 18M, 13C.
Rows 47 and 48 12C, 20M, 12C.
Rows 49 and 50 11C, 22M, 11C.
Rows 51 and 52 10C, 24M, 10C.
Rows 53 and 54 9C, 26M, 9C.
Row 55 8C, 28M, 8C.
Cast off in purl using colours as set in Row 55.

CHRISTMAS TREE SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 6 Main colour A / Contrast colour B.

Square 13 Main colour I / Contrast colour F.

Note Do not break off the contrast colour – it can be stranded at the back of the work between each contrast section.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Beginning knit, st st 6 rows.

Row 7 Knit 2M, 40C, 2M.

Row 8 Purl 2M, 40C, 2M

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 15 Knit 5M, 34C, 5M.

Row 16 Purl 5M, 34C, 5M.

Repeat Rows 15 and 16 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 23 Knit 8M, 28C, 8M.

Row 24 Purl 8M, 28C, 8M.

Repeat Rows 23 and 24 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 31 Knit 11M, 22C, 11M.

Row 32 Purl 11M, 22C, 11M.

Repeat Rows 31 and 32 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 39 Knit 14M, 16C, 14M.

Row 40 Purl 14M, 16C, 14M.

Repeat Rows 39 and 40 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 47 Knit 17M, 10C, 17M.

Row 48 Purl 17M, 10C, 17M.

Repeat Rows 47 and 48 once.

Beginning knit, st st 5 rows in M.

Cast off in purl.

QUARTERS SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 8 Main colour E / Contrast colour I.

Square 11 Main colour I / Contrast colour B.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Row 1 Knit 22M, 22C.

Row 2 Purl 22C, 22KM.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 thirteen times more. [28 rows]

Row 29 Knit 22C, 22M.

Row 30 Purl 22M, 22C.

Repeat Rows 29 to 30 twelve times more, then Row 29 once more. 55 rows.

Cast off in purl in colours as set.

* BABY BLANKET

DIAMOND SQUARES

Make 2 in the following colours:

Square 9 Main colour E / Contrast colour I.

Square 15 Main colour H / Contrast colour C.

Note Do not break off the contrast colour – it can be stranded at the back of the work between each contrast section.

Cast on 44 sts using 4mm needles and main colour.

Beginning knit, st st 6 rows.

Row 7 Knit 20M, 4C, 20M.

Row 8 Purl 20M, 4C, 20M.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 15 Knit 16M, 12C, 16M.

Row 16 Purl 16M, 12C, 16M.

Repeat Rows 15 and 16 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 23 Knit 12M, 20C, 12M.

Row 24 Purl 12M, 20C, 12M.

Repeat Rows 23 and 24 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 31 Knit 12M, 20C, 12M.

Row 32 Purl 12M, 20C, 12M.

Repeat Rows 31 and 32 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 39 Knit 16M, 12C, 16M.

Row 40 Purl 16M, 12C, 16M.

Repeat Rows 39 and 40 once.

Beginning knit, st st 4 rows in M.

Row 47 Knit 20M, 4C, 20M.

Row 48 Purl 20M, 4C, 20M.

Repeat Rows 47 and 48 once.

Beginning knit, st st 5 rows in M.

Cast off in purl.

MAKING UP

1 Secure yarn ends neatly on the colour pattern squares.

2 Using photos as a guide place the squares correctly. Sew textured squares together using backstitch. Do the same for colour pattern squares. Make sure that all squares are orientated in the same way.

3 Using sewing thread, oversew wadding onto back of colour pattern squares along all four edges, just inside seam line.

4 Place textured and colour pattern squares right-sides together, matching seams and corners. Backstitch together along three sides, leaving the bottom edge open.

5 Turn to right side and oversew the bottom edge closed. 🧶

NEXT MONTH

Fans of knitting for children will love Ann Franklin's giant snakes and ladders KAL. With Part 1 next issue, you won't want to miss this 100% fun-to-knit project!

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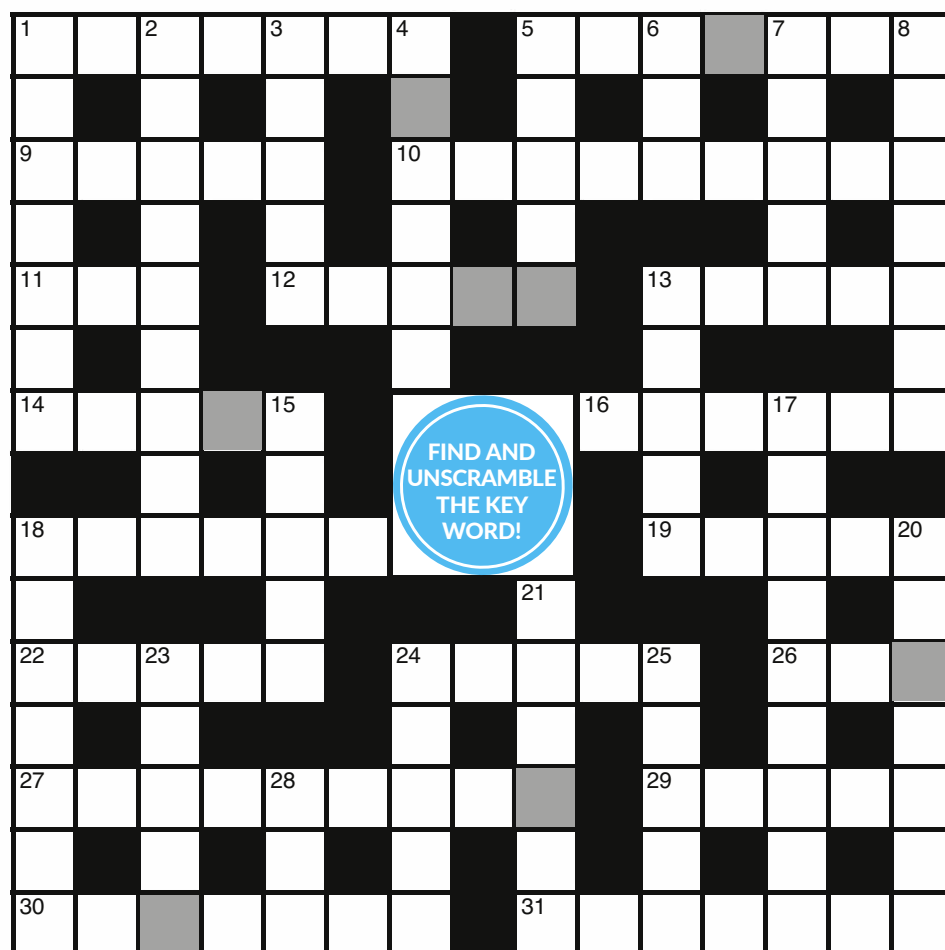


TAKE A BREAK

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

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CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD



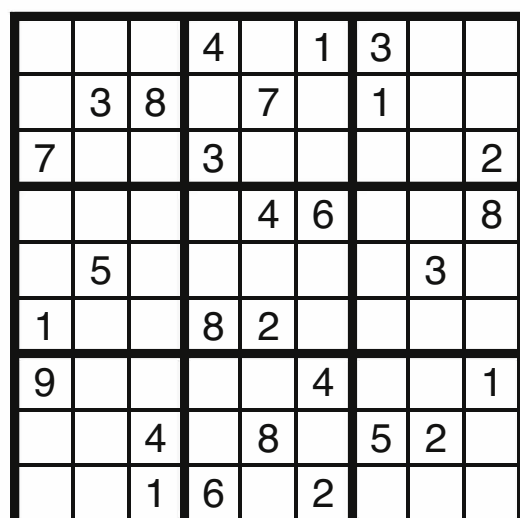
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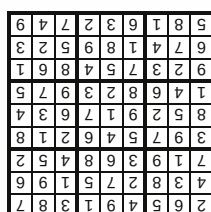
IT'S SUDOKU TIME!



Knitting Riddle

I'm four or five that form a ring,
No seam at all do I bring.
Socks and sleeves are my favorite thing,

What am I?



Key word LADYBIRD
WHAT AM I? Double-pointed needles
Ailment, 21 Cradle, 23 Scrub, 24 Wrong, 25 Duvet, 28 Ski.
Occur, 8 Servant, 13 Koala, 15 Salon, 17 Harmonica, 18 Lobster, 20
Down 1 Puppies, 2 Agony aunt, 3 Thom, 4 Marker, 5 Cocky, 6 Pin, 7
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ISSUE 276 SOLUTIONS



NICE & SPICY

Dive into mock cable with a hint of ginger spice as you cast on this warm, cosy neckwear designed by **Claire King**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Grace (85% acrylic, 10% mohair, 5% wool, 100g/295m)
- ☐ 1 ball of Hibiscus (2151)
- ☐ A 6mm circular needle, 40cm long
- ☐ 16 stitch markers

TENSION

3 chart repeats to measure 13x12cm (5x4½in) over main pattern using 6mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Height 22cm (8¾in)

Circumference 70cm (27½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR Beginning of round

For a full list see page 77

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

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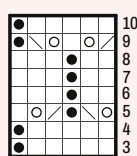
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- ☐ Yarn Etc... 01423 885565 www.yarnetc.co.uk

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☒ P on RS; K on WS
- ☐ Yo
- ☒ K2tog
- ☐ Ssk

CHART



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"I love cable knitting but there are times when I need to knit something quickly, this is where mock cables come in - it's a wonderfully cosy, squishy stitch."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



MOCK CABLE COWL

Cast on 96 sts using 6mm circular needle, 40cm long, and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts. PM to make beg of rnd.

Rnd 1 Knit.

Rnd 2 *P6, PM; rep from * another 15 times to BOR marker.

Working from Chart or the written instructions below.

Rnds 3 and 4 *K5, P1, slSM; rep from * to BOR marker.

Rnd 5 *Yo, ssk, P1, k2tog, yo, K1, slSM; rep from * to BOR marker.

Rnds 6 to 8 *K2, P1, K3, slSM; rep from * to BOR marker.

Rnd 9 *K2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, P1, slSM; rep from * to BOR marker.

Rnd 10 *K5, P1, slSM; rep from * to BOR marker.

Rnds 11 to 42 Repeat Rnds 3 to 10 another 4 times.

Rnd 43 Purl.

Rnd 44 Knit. Remove SM as you come to them.

MAKING UP

Cast off all stitches.

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.





COSY HEAD

Make this simple baby hat in a number of colours and have a hat ready for every possible outfit. By **Handmade By Irene**



EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Scheepjes Kindsome (60% wool, 40% compostable polyester, 50g/150m)
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Sage Leaf (715)
- Yarn B** Clover Lawn (716)
- ☐ A 3mm circular needle, 120cm long for magic loop method
- ☐ Stitch marker
- ☐ Pompom maker

TENSION

30 sts and 38 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over 2x2 rib using
3mm needles

SIZES

Preemie (newborn: 6m: 12m)
To fit head circ 30.5 (35.5: 40.5: 45.5)
cm or 12 (14: 16: 18)in

Actual hat circ 26.5 (32: 34.5: 40)cm
[10½ (12½: 13½: 15½)in]
Actual hat length (with brim folded)
13 (15: 17: 19)cm [5 (6: 6½: 7½)in]

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists visit
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- ☐ Lindehobby
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BABY HAT

Cast on 80 (96: 104: 120) sts using 3mm circular needle and Yarn B, and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of round.

Round 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to end of round,
Rep Round 1 another 3 times.

Change to Yarn A.
Rep Round 1 another 47 (55: 61: 69) times.

Next round *K2, p2tog, K2, P2; rep from * to end of round,
[70 (84: 91: 105) sts]

Next round *K2, P1, K2, p2tog; rep from * to end of round,
[60 (72: 78: 90) sts]

Next round *K2tog, P1, K2, P1; rep from * to end of round,
[50 (60: 65: 75) sts]

Next round *K1, P1, k2tog, P1; rep from * to end of round.

[40 (48: 52: 60) sts]

Next round *K2tog, K1, P1; rep from * to end of round.

[30 (36: 39: 45) sts]

Next round *K2tog, P1; rep from * to end of round.

[20 (24: 26: 30) sts]

SIZES 6M AND 12M ONLY

Next round *K2tog; rep from * to end of round. [- (: 13: 15) sts]

ALL SIZES

Break yarn and weave tail through remaining sts. Pull tight to close gap at top of Hat.

MAKING UP

Make pompom using Yarn A or B and pompom maker. Sew pompom to top of Hat. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Fold brim over by 2cm. 

STEP-BY-STEP P2TOG PURL TWO TOGETHER



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



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



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



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

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* LACE JUMPER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rico Design Essentials Super Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/100m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A cable needle (cn)
- ☐ 4 split-ring place markers
- ☐ 2 stitch holders

TENSION

20 sts and 27 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

C6B Slip the next 3 sts onto a cn and hold at the back, K3, then K3 from cn

For a full list see page 77

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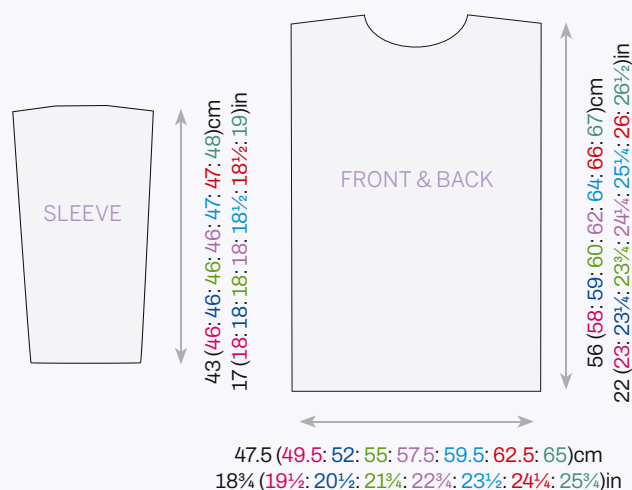
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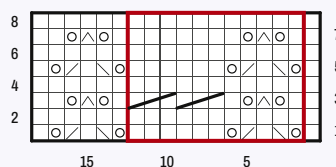
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KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- Yo
- K2tog
- SSK
- Sk2po
- C6B
- Repeat



CHART



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

LACE JUMPER

Worked over 11 plus 7 sts and 8 rows.

Row 1 (RS) K1, *yo, ssk, K1, k2tog, yo, K6; rep from * to last 6 sts, yo, ssk, K1, k2tog, yo, K1.

Row 2 and all WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K1, *K1, yo, sk2po, yo, K1, C6B; rep from * to last 6 sts, K1, yo, sk2po, yo, K2.

Row 5 Repeat Row 1.

Row 7 K1, *K1, yo, sk2po, yo, K7; rep from * to last 6 sts, K1, yo, sk2po, yo, K2.

Row 8 Purl.

BACK

****Cast on** 97 (101: 106: 112: 117: 121: 127: 132) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Work in garter st across all sts from Row 1 until work measures 2cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

Change to 4mm needles.

BEGIN PATTERN

Row 1 (RS) K1 (3: 0: 3: 0: 2: 5: 2), Pattern Row 1 across 95 (95: 106: 106: 117: 117: 128) sts, K1 (3: 0: 3: 0: 2: 5: 2).

Row 2 P1 (3: 0: 3: 0: 2: 5: 2), Pattern Row 2 across 95 (95: 106: 106: 117: 117: 128) sts, P1 (3: 0: 3: 0: 2: 5: 2).

These 2 rows set the position of the patterns: the edge 1 (3: 0: 3: 0: 2: 5: 2) sts at both sides worked in st st, and the central 95 (95: 106: 106: 117: 117: 128) sts worked in pattern.**

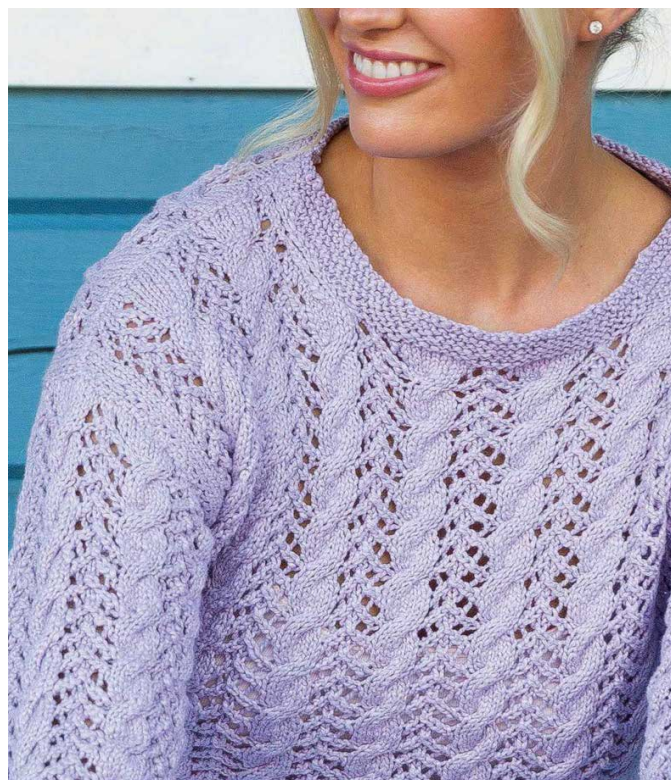
Cont in patt as set until work measures 52 (54: 55: 56: 58: 60: 62: 65)cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at the beg of the next 4 (2: 10: 4: 12: 10: 6: 2) rows.

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 0: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of the next 8 (10: 2: 8: 0: 2: 6: 10) rows.

Put the rem 41 (43: 44: 44: 45: 47: 49: 50) sts onto a holder.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	97	102	107	112	117
	in	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
ACTUAL BUST	cm	95	99	104	110	115	119	125	130
	in	37½	39	41	43¼	45¼	47	49¼	51¼
LENGTH	cm	56	58	59	60	62	64	66	67
	in	22	23	23¼	23¾	24¼	25¼	26	26½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	43	46	46	46	46	47	47	48
	in	17	18	18	18	18	18½	18½	19
YARN		Rico Design Essentials Super Cotton DK (50g/100m)							
Lilac (17)		12	12	13	13	14	14	15	16

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



"This is such a pretty shade of lilac. It works really well with white or blue jeans. I love that this jumper knitted in cotton so you can wear it during the summer!"

NICOLA LYNN, CREATIVE DESIGN LEAD

FRONT

Work ** to ** as for the Back.

Cont in patt as set until work measures 47 (49: 50: 51: 52: 54: 56: 57)cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

SHAPE LEFT NECKLINE

Next row (RS) Patt 36 (37: 39: 42: 45: 46: 48: 50) sts, turn and put rem sts onto a holder. Work on these 36 (38: 39: 42: 45: 46: 48: 50) sts.

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of next 4 rows, ending with a RS row. [32 (33: 35: 38: 41: 42: 44: 46) sts]

Work one row straight, a WS row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (4: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 5) RS rows. [28 (29: 31: 34: 36: 37: 39: 41) sts]

Work straight in st st as set until Front measures the same as the Back to the shoulder, and ending with a WS row.

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at the beg of the next 2 (1: 5: 2: 6: 5:

3: 1) RS rows.

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 0: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of the next 4 (5: 1: 4: 0: 1: 3: 5) RS rows.

SHAPE RIGHT NECKLINE

With RS facing, leave the central 25 (27: 28: 28: 27: 29: 31: 32) sts on the holder and join yarn at the neck edge, knit to end. [36 (37: 39: 42: 45: 46: 48: 50) sts]

Dec 1 st at the neck edge of next 4 rows, ending with a RS row. [32 (33: 35: 38: 41: 42: 44: 46) sts]

Work one row straight, a WS row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 (4: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 5) RS rows. [28 (29: 31: 34: 36: 37: 39: 41) sts]

Work straight in st st as set until Front measures the same as the Back to the shoulder, and ending with a RS row.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts at the beg of the next 2 (1: 5: 2: 6: 5: 3: 1) WS rows.

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 0: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of the next 4 (5: 1: 4: 0: 1: 3: 5) WS rows.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 50 (50: 53: 53: 55: 55: 57: 57) sts using 3.25mm needles. Work in garter st across all sts from Row 1 until work measures 2cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K5 (5: 1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3), Pattern Row 1 across 40 (40: 51: 51: 51: 51: 51: 51) sts, K5 (5: 1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3).

Row 2 P5 (5: 1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3), Pattern Row 2 across 40 (40: 51: 51: 51: 51: 51: 51)

* LACE JUMPER

51: 51: 51) sts, P5 (5: 1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3).

These 2 rows set the position of the patterns: the edge 5 (5: 1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3) at both sides worked in st st, and the central 40 (40: 51: 51: 51: 51: 51) sts worked in pattern.

Work 2 more rows in patt as set.

Now work the first Sleeve inc on the next row as follows:

Next row (RS) (inc) K1, M1, patt to last st, M1, K1. [inc of 2 sts]

Rep this inc row every foll 8th (8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th) row till there are 74 (76: 79: 83: 87: 91: 95: 97) sts, working increased sts in st st until there are enough sts to inc the number of patt reps.

Then work straight until Sleeve measures 43 (46: 46: 46: 46: 47: 47: 48)cm, measured from the cast-on edge and ending with a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE CAP

Cast off 25 (25: 26: 28: 29: 30: 32: 32) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.

Cast off rem 24 (26: 27: 27: 29: 31: 31: 33) sts.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends and block pieces lightly.

NECKBAND

Sew left shoulder seam.

With RS facing, 3.25mm needles, and starting at the Back, knit 41 (43: 44: 44: 45: 47: 49: 50) sts from the holder, pick up and knit 16 (16: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 18) sts along the left Front curve, knit 25 (27: 28: 28: 27: 29: 31: 32) sts from the Front holder, and pick up and knit 16 (16: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 18) sts along the right Front curve. [98 (102: 104: 104: 108: 112: 116: 118) sts]

Work in garter stitch across all sts for 8 rows, ending with a RS row.

Cast off on the WS.

FINISHING

Sew right shoulder and neckline seam.

Measure 18 (18.5: 19: 20: 21: 22: 23: 24)cm from each shoulder down the front and the back. Mark these points then sew the Sleeve cap between these points. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends. See ball band for further care instructions. 🧶



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 on to 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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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD For a firm edge, or 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 for casting 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.

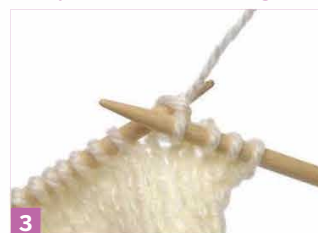
KNIT Follow our simple steps to make the most important stitch you'll learn



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



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.



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.



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.



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



Start by knitting the first two stitches of the row as normal, but don't go any further along as you usually would.



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.



Knit another stitch so you have two on the right needle. Lift the first stitch over the second, then repeat Steps 1 to 3.



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
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand

M1P between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop 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)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch

sk2po decreased)
 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
yon yarn round 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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"I was making a double wrap cowl in the round, got the sizing completely wrong! I ended up knitting a square panel and turning it into a shrug."



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"I either leave things with the mistakes in it, or rip them out completely. There doesn't tend to be a halfway point!"



Cory Sydee
Technical Editor

"I restart things. Once, I got halfway through a cable jumper before realising it was too big, ripped it out and started again, that one hurt!"



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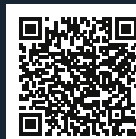
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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Subtle Drifter Chunky (69% acrylic, 25% cotton, 6% wool, 100g/150m)
1 ball of **Yarn A** Calico (4666)
- ☐ Scheepjes Furry Tales (100% polyester, 100g/57m)
1 ball of **Yarn B** Baby Bear (973)
- ☐ Stylecraft Moorland Chunky (100% acrylic, 100g/165m)
1 ball of **Yarn C** Mist (6207)
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 6mm needles
- ☐ 7 buttons, 2cm
- ☐ Cushion pad, 40cm square

TENSION

13 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles

14 sts and 16 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stranded colourwork using 6mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

38.5cm (15¼in) square

ABBREVIATIONS

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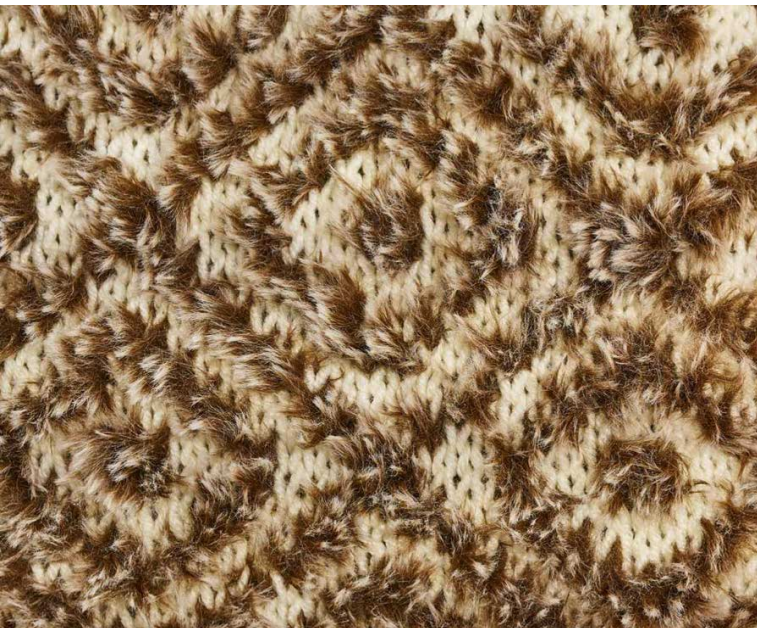
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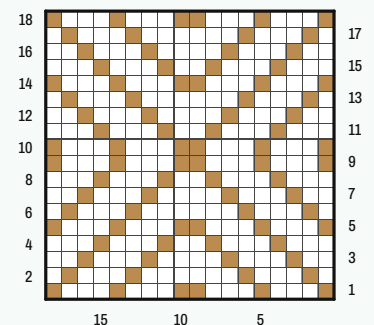
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CHART



KEY

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

FAUX FUR CUSHION FRONT

Cast on 54 sts using 6mm needles and Yarn A. Working 18-st rep 3 times across each row, work in patt from Chart until Front measures 38cm, ending on a WS row.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Break off Yarns A and B and join in Yarn C.

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

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

These 2 rows set 2x2 rib.

Work in rib until Buttonhole Band measures 4cm, ending on a WS row.

Note After casting off, 1 st rem on RH needle which is not included in instructions that follow.

Buttonhole Row 1 (RS) *K2, **cast off** 2 sts, K1, P2; rep from * to last 6 sts, K2, **cast off** 2 sts, K1. [40 sts]

Buttonhole Row 2 *P2, **cast on** 2 sts using backwards loop method, P2, K2; rep from * to last 4 sts, P2, **cast on** 2 sts using backwards loop method, P2. [54 sts]

Work 4 more rows in rib.

Cast off in rib.

BACK

With RS facing, 5mm needles and Yarn C, pick up and knit 54 sts from cast-on edge of Front.

Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st until Back measures 35cm, ending on a WS row.

Work 6 rows in 2x2 rib as given for Buttonhole Band.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Sew side seams. Sew buttons onto Back on first knit row before ribbing, to match buttonholes. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. Insert cushion pad.



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Sophie

Sophie Jordan
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FORGET ME NOT

Cast on **Summer Lee**'s gorgeous floral socks
and bring the glory of the garden to your sock drawer

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*FORGET ME NOT SOCKS



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Cascade Heritage (4ply, 75% superwash Merino wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m) 1 skein of each
- Yarn A** Placid Blue (5713)
- Yarn B** Royal (5615)
- Yarn C** Golden Yellow (5752)
- ☐ A set of 2.25mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ A set of 2.75mm DPNs
- ☐ Stitch markers, including a locking SM

TENSION

32 sts to measure
10cm (4in) over colourwork
in the round using
2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

S (M: L: XL)

To fit foot circ 18 (20: 23:
25)cm or 7 (8: 9: 10)in

Actual foot circ

17 (20.5: 21.5: 24.5)cm or
6¾ (8: 8½: 9¾)in

ABBREVIATIONS

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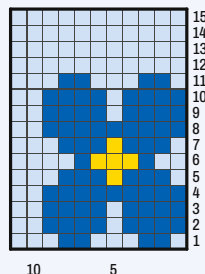
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KEY

- ☐ Knit
- ☐ Yarn A
- ☐ Yarn B
- ☐ Yarn C

CHART



FORGET ME NOT SOCKS (MAKE 2)

CUFF

Cast on 54 (66: 78: 87) sts using 2.25mm DPNs and Yarn A. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Rib rnd *K2, P1; rep from * to end of rnd.

Rep rib rnd until cuff meas 2cm.

On the last rnd inc (–: dec: inc) 1 st at the end of the rnd. [55 (66: 77: 88) sts]

LEG

SIZES S AND M ONLY

Change to 2.75mm DPNs.

ALL SIZES

Knit 2 rnds.

BEGIN CHART

Work Rnds 1 to 12 from Chart working 11-st rep 5

(6: 7: 8) times across the rnd.

Place Marker for the afterthought heel

Next rnd Work the first 41 (50: 58: 66) sts of rnd 13 of the Chart, place a locking SM on the last st worked, K to end of rnd.

FOOT

Work Rnds 14 and 15 of the Chart and then rep Rnds 1 to 15 until foot is the desired length. The Heel will add 4 (4.5: 5: 5.5)cm and Toe will add 3.5 (4.5: 5: 6)cm to the total foot length.
Continue in Yarn A only.

TOE DECREASES

SIZE S ONLY

Change to 2.25mm DPNs.

Set-up rnd K1, ssk, K22, k2tog, K2, ssk, K24.
[52 (–: –: –) sts]

SIZE M ONLY

Change to 2.25mm DPNs.

Set-up rnd K1, ssk, K31, ssk, K30.

[- (64: -: -) sts]

SIZE L ONLY

Set-up rnd K1, ssk, K33, k2tog, K2, ssk, K35.

[- (: 74: -) sts]

ALL SIZES

[52 (64: 74: 88) sts]

Knit 1 rnd.

Rnd 1 K1, ssk, K20 (26: 31: 38), k2tog, K1, PM, K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[48 (60: 70: 84) sts]

Rnd 2 Knit.

Rnd 3 K1, ssk, K to 3 sts before mrk, k2tog, K1, slSM, K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[4 sts dec'd]

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 another 5 (7: 8: 10) times

[24 (28: 34: 40) sts]

Graft remaining sts together using Kitchener Stitch.

AFTERTHOUGHT HEEL

Press the sock flat so the toe decrease lines are at the sides. The SM placed for the afterthought heel should be facing up in the middle of the sock. Identify the line of sts directly below the SM. Select the first st at the edge of the sock.

Using 2.25mm DPNs, insert the needle under the right leg of that first st. Next, insert the needle into under right leg of the second st, and then into the right leg of the third st. Cont inserting your needle into the right leg of every st until you have picked up 28 (32: 36: 40) sts.

Rep the process for the line of sts on the other side of the SM. [56 (64: 72: 80) sts]

Remove the SM and tease the st up with a tapestry needle. Cut the st, being very careful not

to cut anything else. Use the tapestry needle to tease out the yarn from the sts in that row. Start in the middle and work out to each end.

The strands of yarn at each side of the gap for the heel can be used to close any gaps at the corners when weaving in yarn tails at the end.

Join Yarn A.

Knit 2 rnds.

Rnd 1 K1, ssk, K22 (26: 30: 34), k2tog, K1, PM, K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[52 (60: 68: 76) sts]

Rnd 2 Knit.

Rnd 3 K1, ssk, K to 3 sts before mrk, k2tog, K1, slSM, K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[4 sts dec'd]

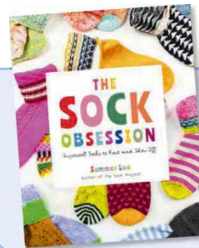
Rep Rnds 2 and 3 another 6 (7: 8: 9) times

[24 (28: 32: 36) sts]

Graft remaining sts together using Kitchener Stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶

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SEASCAPE

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m)
- ☐ 1 ball of Seascape (2395)
- ☐ A set of 2.75mm circular needles, 80cm long for magic loop, or DPNs or short circular needles
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

34 sts and 40 rnds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

S (M; L)

To fit foot circumference

20 (22; 24.5)cm

[7¼ (8¼; 9¾)in]

Finished foot circ

19 (21; 23.5)cm

[7½ (8¼; 9¾)in]

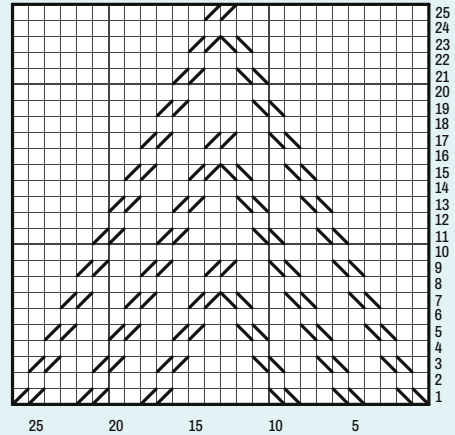
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T2L Knit into back of 2nd st on LH needle but do not slip off needle, then knit into front of first st on LH needle then slip these 2 sts off together

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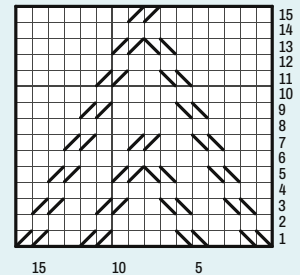
CHART A



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CHART B



KEY

- ☐ Knit
- T2R
- T2L

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ANKLE SOCKS

CHART A WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Rnd 1 (RS) (T2L, K2) twice, T2L, K6, (T2R, K2) twice, T2R. [26 sts]

Rnd 2 and all alt rnds Knit.

Rnd 3 K1, (T2L, K2) twice, T2L, K4, (T2R, K2) twice, T2R, K1.

Rnd 5 (K2, T2L) 3 times, (K2, T2R) 3 times, K2.

Rnd 7 K3, (T2L, K2) twice, T2L, (T2R, K2) twice, T2R, K3.

Rnd 9 K4, T2L, K2, T2L, (K2, T2R) 3 times, K4.

Rnd 11 K5, T2L, K2, T2L, K4, T2R, K2, T2R, K5.

Rnd 13 K6, (T2L, K2) twice, T2R, K2, T2R, K6.

Rnd 15 K7, T2L, K2, T2L, T2R, K2, T2R, K7.

Rnd 17 K8, T2L, (K2, T2R) twice, K8.

Rnd 19 K9, T2L, K4, T2R, K9.

Rnd 21 K10, T2L, K2, T2R, K10.

Rnd 23 K11, T2L, T2R, K11.

Rnd 25 K12, T2R, K12.

CHART B WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Rnd 1 (RS) T2L, K2, T2L, K4, T2R, K2, T2R. [16 sts]

Rnd 2 and all alt rnds Knit.

Rnd 3 K1, (T2L, K2) twice, T2R, K2, T2R, K1.

Rnd 5 (K2, T2L) twice, (T2R, K2) twice.

Rnd 7 K3, T2L, (K2, T2R) twice, K3.

Rnd 9 K4, T2L, K4, T2R, K4.

Rnd 11 K5, T2L, K2, T2R, K5.

Rnd 13 K6, T2L, T2R, K6.

Rnd 15 K7, T2R, K7.

SOCKS

CUFF AND LEG

Cast on 66 (74: 82) sts. Join to work in the rnd. PM for beg of rnd.

Rnd 1 *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

This rnd sets rib.

Work another 9 rnds in rib.

Next rnd K15 (17: 19), k2tog, K32 (36: 40), k2tog, K15 (17: 19). [64 (72: 80) sts]

PLACE CHART

Next rnd K3 (5: 7), work Rnd 1 of Chart A, K11 (15: 19), work Rnd 1 of Chart B, K8 (10: 12).

This rnd sets chart placement with st st between.

Cont in patt as set working consecutive chart rnds until Chart B has been completed, cont in patt with Chart A replacing Chart B with st st.

Knit 1 rnd, or until leg meas length desired to ankle.

HEEL FLAP

Turn work so WS is facing. Heel flap will be worked back and forth on the next 32 (36: 40) sts. Keep rem 32 (36: 40) sts on needle for instep.

Row 1 (WS) Sl1, purl to end.

Row 2 *Sl1, K1; rep from * to end.

Rep these 2 rows another 13 (14: 15) times, then work Row 1 once more.

HEEL TURN

Row 1 (RS) Sl1, K18 (20: 22), ssk, K1, turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Sl1, P7 (7: 9), p2tog, P1, turn, leaving rem sts unworked.

Row 3 Sl1, knit to 1 st before gap, ssk, K1, turn.

Row 4 Sl1, purl to 1 st before gap, p2tog, P1, turn. Rep these 2 rows until all heel sts have been worked. [20 (22: 24) sts on heel]

GUSSET

Now working in the rnd once more cont as folls:

Set up rnd Sl1, K19 (21: 23), pick up and knit 15 (16: 17) sts along edge of heel (this is 1 st from every slipped st), knit across 32 (36: 40) sts from instep, pick up and knit 15 (16: 17) sts down edge of heel, K to beg of rnd marker. [82 (90: 98) sts]

Rnd 1 K32 (36: 40), ssk, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Rnd 2 Knit.

Rep these 2 rnds until there are 64 (72: 80) sts.

Cont in st st until foot meas 5 (6: 6.5)cm less than desired foot length.

SHAPE TOE

Next rnd Knit.

Next rnd *K1, ssk, K26 (30: 34), k2tog, K1; rep from * once more. [4 sts dec'd]

Rep these 2 rnds until 24 (24: 28) sts rem.

Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail. Graft toe sts using Kitchener stitch.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band. 🧶



COSY CURVES

Sink your toes into these sloppy socks and put your feet up in front of the fire this winter. By **DROPS**





TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Fabel
(4ply, 75% wool, 25%
polyamide, 50g/205m),
2 balls of Light Pearl Grey
(114)
- ☐ A set of 2.5mm
double-pointed needles
(DPNs)
- ☐ A cable needle (cn)
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to
measure 10x10cm
(4x4in) over st st using
2.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

S (M: L: XL)

To fit foot length

22 (24: 27: 30)cm

[8% (9%: 10%: 11%)in]

Leg height 12 (14: 16: 18)

cm [4% (5%: 6%: 7)in]

ABBREVIATIONS

Sp p Slip the next stitch as
if to purl, P1, pass the
slipped stitch over the
purl'd stitch

For a full list see page 77 in
Simply Knitting magazine

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ Visit DROPS at
www.garnstudio.com
for stockists

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom-right
corner. Read all rounds from
right to left. A row of squares
represents a row of knitting



CHART A



CHART B



KEY

☐ K on RS; P on WS

☒ P on RS; K on WS

C2B

T3B

T3F

C4B

C4F

K2tog

CHART D



CHART F



CHART C

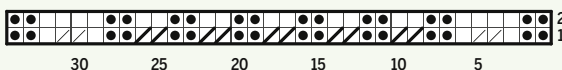
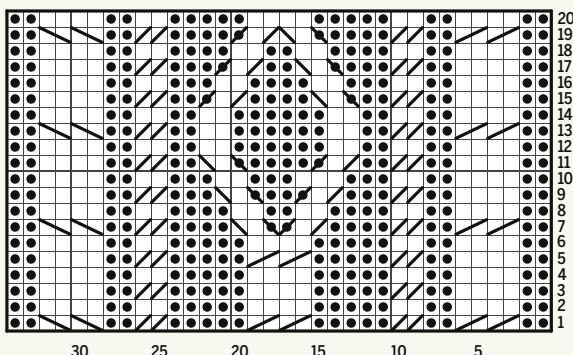


CHART E



MEN'S CABLED SOCKS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 68 (76: 76: 84) sts using 2.5mm DPNs. Join to work in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Next rnd Work Row 1 of Chart A to end. Cont working Chart A until piece meas 4cm.

Next rnd Continue Chart A over the first 12 (16: 16: 20) sts, work Chart B, Chart C (38 sts decreasing to 34 sts), Chart D and Chart A over the last 12 (16: 16: 20) sts. [64 (72: 72: 80) sts]

Next rnd Continue Chart A over the first 12 (16: 16: 20) sts, work Chart B, Chart E, Chart D and continue Chart A over the last 12 (16: 16: 20) sts.

Cont in patt as set until the piece measures 12 (14: 16: 18)cm.

HEEL FLAP

Keep the first 13 (15: 15: 19) sts and the last 13 (15: 15: 19) sts on the needle for heel. Place centre 38 (42: 42: 42) sts on a stitch holder or spare DPN. These will be the instep sts.

Row 1 Cast on 1 st, continue from st 2 of Chart A, rep Chart A until last st, **cast on** 1 st. [28 (32: 32: 40) sts]

Work Chart A back and forth over the heel sts until piece measures 5 (5.5: 6: 6.5)cm.

Cast off 1 st, knit to last st, **cast off** 1 st. [26 (30: 30: 38) sts]

Insert 1 marker in the centre of the row.

HEEL DECREASES

Row 1 (RS) Knit to last 7 (8: 8: 10) sts, skpo, turn.

Row 2 (WS) Purl to last 7 (8: 8: 10) sts, sppo, turn.

Row 3 Knit to last 6 (7: 7: 9) sts, skpo, turn.

Row 4 Purl to last 6 (7: 7: 9) sts, sppo, turn.

Continue decreasing in the same way, reducing remaining sts by 1 until there are 14 (16: 16: 20) sts left on the needle.

GUSSET

After the heel dec, pick up and knit 13 (14: 16: 17) sts down the heel flap, work across the 38 (42: 42: 42) instep sts in pattern, and pick up and knit 13 (14: 16: 17) sts up the other side of the heel flap. [78 (86: 90: 96) sts]

Insert 1 marker on each side of the centre 38 instep sts (all sizes).

Dec rnd Knit to 2 sts before first marker, k2tog, sl SM, KO (4: 4: 4), work Chart F, Chart E, Chart F over the centre 38 instep sts, KO (4: 4: 4), sl SM, ssk, knit to beg of rnd. [2 sts decreased]

Next rnd Knit to first marker, sl SM, KO (4: 4: 4), work Chart F, Chart E, Chart F over the centre 38 instep sts, KO (4: 4: 4), sl SM, knit to beg of rnd. Rep these two rnds 6 (8: 8: 9) more times, then rep Dec rnd once more. [62 (66: 70: 74) sts]

FOOT

Continue working in patt as set until piece measures 18 (19: 21: 23)cm from start of heel decreases, or 4 (5: 6: 7)cm before desired finished length.

Work 1 rnd in patt, decreasing 10 sts evenly over Charts E and Chart F. [52 (56: 60: 64) sts]

Insert 1 marker on each side so that there are 26 (28: 30: 32) sts for both instep and sole.

Next rnd Knit to end of rnd, sl SM as you come to them.

Dec rnd *Work to 2 sts before marker, knit 2 together, sl SM, skpo; rep from * once more. [4 sts decreased]

Rep these two rnds 3 (6: 8: 10) more times. [12 (16: 16: 20) sts]

Work Dec rnd 6 (3: 2: 0) times. [12 (16: 16: 20) sts]

Next rnd K2tog to end. [6 (8: 8: 10) sts]

Cut the strand, pull it through the remaining sts, tighten and fasten off.

FINISHING

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

DREAMY CREAM

Cast on a pair of socks that keeps you warm from toes to knees with this delicate cable knit by **Fran Morgan**

**SOFT
AND**
chic!



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Scheepjes Arcadia (4ply, 75% wool, 25% polyamide, 100g/396m) 1 (1: 2) skein(s) of Pampas (801)
- ☐ A set of 2.75mm double-pointed needles (DPNs) or a 2.75mm circular needle, 80cm long if using magic loop method
- ☐ Cable needle (cn)
- ☐ 2 stitch markers

TENSION

28 sts and 36 rnds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

S (M: L)

To fit foot circumference 20 (21.5: 23)cm or 8 (8½: 9)in

Actual foot circumference 16.5 (19: 22)cm or 6½ (7½: 8¾)in

Cuff to bottom of heel 32 (32: 32)cm or 12½ (12½: 12½)in

Heel to toe 17.5 (21: 24)cm or 7 (8¼: 9½)in

ABBREVIATIONS

C4F Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front of work, K2; K2 from cn

RT Knit the 2nd st on LH needle, then knit the 1st st.

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

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ Visit Scheepjes at www.scheepjes.com for stockists



KNEE HIGH SOCKS

Note The socks are worked from the toe up. The heel is worked using German short rows. The increases at the upper leg should be made in the purl columns, with new sts worked as purl.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES AND STITCH PATTERNS

FIGURE-OF-8 CAST-ON

- 1 Hold two needle tips parallel to each other with the tips pointing to the left.
- 2 Starting at the left and leaving a tail, *bring yarn in front of the bottom needle, between the needles to the back, behind and over the top needle, between the needles to the back and under the bottom needle; rep from * until you

have the required number of wraps (stitches) on each needle.

3 Work the first rnd as follows: Bring the working yarn to the back and knit the sts on the top needle.

4 Rotate the needles so that the bottom one is now on top with the working yarn to the right. Wrap the tail anticlockwise around the working yarn to secure. Now knit the sts on the top needle through the back loops (to avoid twisted sts), then knit the sts on the bottom needle as normal and divide between double-pointed or circular needles as you prefer to work, remembering that the pattern for instep and leg includes cables which may mean you need to keep certain sts together to work the cables.

GERMAN SHORT ROWS

German short rows are worked by creating a double stitch at the start of each short row to avoid holes. After turning, create a double stitch in the first st as follows: bring the working yarn to the front, slip the next st as if to purl, bring the working yarn from front to back over the needle and pull on it enough to bring both legs of that stitch over the needle. The stitch on the needle will look like a double stitch. When working the double stitch as you come to it, work into both legs as if the double stitch is a single st, knitting on RS rows, and purling on WS rows.

INSTEP PATTERN

Rnd 1 (K4, P2, K2, P2) twice, K4.

Rnd 2 (C4F, P2, K2, P2) twice, C4F.

Rnds 3 to 5 As Rnd 1.

Rnd 6 (K4, P2, RT, P2) twice, K4.

Rnd 7 As Rnd 1.

Rnd 8 As Rnd 6.

Rnds 9 to 11 As Rnd 1.

These 11 rnds form the instep pattern over 24 sts.

LEG PATTERN

Rnd 1 *K4, P2, K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rnd 2 *C4F, P2, K2, P2; rep from * to end.

Rnds 3 to 5 As Rnd 1.

Rnd 6 *K4, P2, RT, P2; rep from * to end.

Rnd 7 As Rnd 1.

Rnd 8 As Rnd 6.

Rnds 9 to 11 As Rnd 1.

These 11 rnds form the Leg Pattern.

SOCKS

TOE

Cast on 8 sts using 2.75mm needles, using figure-of-8 cast-on method (see Special Techniques).

PM to mark beg of rnd.

Rnd 1 K4, PM, K4.

Inc rnd Kfb, knit to 1 st before SM, kfb, K1, sl SM, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1.

Rep inc rnd until there are 24 (28: 32) sts.

Rep inc rnd.

Next rnd Knit to end, slipping SM.

Rep the last 2 rnds until there are 48 (56: 64) sts.

SET INSTEP PATT

Next rnd K0 (0: 2), P0 (2: 2), work 24 sts as Rnd 1 of Instep Patt to 0 (2: 4) sts before SM, P0 (2: 2), K0 (0: 2), slSM, knit to end.

This rnd sets Cable patt on instep and st st on sole.

Work as set until Foot meas 8.5 (10.5: 12)cm.

GUSSET

Inc rnd Work in patt over Instep to SM, slSM, K1, M1R, knit to last st, M1L, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Next rnd Work in patt to SM, slSM, knit to end.

Rep the last 2 rnds until there are 72 (84: 96) sts. [24 (28: 32) instep sts and 48 (56: 64) sole sts]

HEEL TURN

Set up rnd (partial) Remove marker, work in patt to SM, remove SM, then place these 24 (28: 32) instep sts on hold and note next rnd of patt to work for leg.

Heel is worked over next 48 (56: 64) sts, turning at end of each row.

At the start of Rows 2 to 12, work a double stitch for German short rows at the start of each row (see Special Techniques).

Row 1 (RS) K34 (40: 46), turn.

Row 2 P20 (24: 28), turn.

Row 3 K18 (22: 26), turn

Row 4 P16 (20: 24), turn.

Row 5 K14 (18: 22), turn.

Row 6 P12 (16: 20), turn.

Row 7 K11 (14: 18), turn.

Row 8 P10 (12: 16), turn.

SIZES M AND L ONLY

Row 9 K- (11: 14) turn

Row 10 P- (10: 12), turn.

SIZE L ONLY

Row 11 K- (-: 11), turn.

Row 12 P- (-: 10), turn.



Next row (RS) Knit to end, inc 2 (4: 6) evenly across heel. [26 (32: 38) heel sts]

LEG

Resume knitting in the rnd.

Next rnd K0 (0: 2), P0 (2: 2), PM for new beg of rnd, starting with next rnd as noted at end of Gusset, work Leg patt to end of rnd.

[50 (60: 70) sts]

Cont in patt as set until Leg meas 8cm.

SHAPE UPPER LEG

Maintain cable patt as set throughout, working new sts as P sts.

Inc rnd Patt 5 (25: 25) sts, M1P, patt 14 (4: 4) sts, M1P, patt 6 (26: 36) sts, M1P, patt 24 (4: 4) sts, M1P, patt 1 st. [54 (64: 74) sts]

Work 10 rnds straight.

Inc rnd Patt 10 (5: 5) sts, M1P, patt 6 (14: 14) sts, M1P, patt 16 (18: 18) sts, M1P, patt 16 (14: 24) sts, M1P, patt 6 (13: 13) sts. [58 (68: 78) sts]

Work 10 rnds straight.

Inc rnd Patt 5 (10: 10) sts, M1P, patt 17 (6: 6) sts, M1P, patt 19 (28: 28) sts, M1P, patt 4 (6: 16) sts, M1P, patt 13 (18: 18) sts. [62 (72: 82) sts]

Work 10 rnds straight.

Inc rnd Patt 11 (29: 29) sts, M1P, patt 7 (5: 5) sts, M1P, patt 13 (31: 41) sts, M1P, patt 29 (5: 5) sts, M1P, patt 2 sts. [66 (76: 86) sts]

Work straight until Leg meas 28cm, dec 2 (0: 2) sts evenly arnd on last rnd. [64 (76: 84) sts]

CUFF

Rib rnd *K2, P2; rep from * to end.

This rnd forms rib.

Rib another 14 rnds.

Cast off using a stretchy cast-off method.

FINISHING

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

ALL SIZES

Work into both legs of any double st as if the double stitch is a single st when working across the following rows.

Next row (RS) K16 (18: 20), ssk, turn.

[1 heel st dec'd]

Next row Sl1, P22 (26: 30), p2tog, turn.

[1 heel st dec'd]

HEEL FLAP

Row 1 (RS) (Sl1, K1) 11 (13: 15) times, sl1, ssk, turn. [1 heel st dec'd]

Row 2 Sl1 wyif, P22 (26: 30), p2tog, turn.

[1 heel st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows until all gusset sts have been worked. [24 (28: 32) heel sts]

SUMMER SUN

Brighten up boots, sandals and Mary Janes with these gorgeous, golden, foot warmers from **DROPS**





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Nord 4ply (45% alpaca, 30% polyamide, 25% wool, 50g/170m)
2 balls of Goldenrod (18) for all sizes
- ☐ A pair of 2.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs) or circular needles, 60cm long, if using magic loop method
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 2.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit foot

circumference

23 (24: 26)cm or

9 (9½: 10¼)in

Actual foot

circumference 20 (21.5:

23)cm or 8 (8½: 9)in

Actual foot length

(adjustable) 22 (24: 27)cm

or 8½ (9½: 10½)in

Leg height (adjustable)

12cm or 4¾in

ABBREVIATIONS

Wrap 1 dec Knit 3, pass first st worked over the other 2 so that st is wrapped around the other 2. [1 st dec'd]

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WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ Visit Scheepjes at www.scheepjes.com for stockists



EYELET SOCKS

Note Worked in the rnd from the top down.

MAIN PATTERN

Worked over 37 sts.

Rnd 1 K1, P4, (wrap 1 dec, P3) to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Rnd 2 K1, P1, (P3, K2) to last 5 sts, P4, K1.

Rnd 3 K1, P4, (K1, yo, K1, P3) to last 2 sts, P1, K1.

Rnd 4 K1, P1, (P3, K3) to last 5 sts, P4, K1.

SOCK

LEG

Cast on 66 (68: 72) sts using 2.5mm DPNs or a circular needle and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of rnd.

Knit 1 rnd.

Rib rnd 1 (P1, K1) to end.

Rep rib rnd another 8 times.

Decrease rnd (P1, K1) 14 (14: 16) times, ssk, (P1, K1) 3 times, P1, k2tog, (K1, P1) to last st, K1. [64 (66: 70) sts]

Piece measures approx 3cm.

Begin Main Pattern as follows:

Rnd 1 (P1, K1) 7 (7: 8) times, work Rnd 1 of Main Pattern over next 37 sts, (K1, P1) to last st, K1.

Rnd 1 sets pattern placement for Main Pattern.

Cont in Main Pattern as set, working through Rnds 2 to 4 of Main Pattern, then repeating Rnds 1 to 4 until piece measures approx 12cm or desired length, ending on a Rnd 4 of pattern.

HEEL

Work heel back and forth as follows:

Next row (RS) (P1, K1) 7 (7: 8) times, turn.

Heel is worked in rows over the next 27 (29: 31) sts.

Next row (K1, P1) into next st, (K1, P1) to last st, (K1, P1) into last st. [29 (31: 35) sts – two edge sts inc'd]

Cont to work in rib as set in rows until heel measures 5 (5.5: 6)cm, ending on a WS row and decreasing 1 edge st at each side of final row. [27 (29: 33) sts]

Insert a locking marker or a piece of waste yarn in the middle of last row, to be used later to measure the length of foot.

HEEL TURN

Row 1 Knit until 8 (8: 9) sts rem, ssk, turn. [1 st dec'd]

Row 2 Purl until 8 (8: 9) sts rem, ssp, turn. [1 st dec'd]

Row 3 Knit until 7 (7: 8) sts rem, ssk, turn. [1 st dec'd]

Row 4 Purl until 7 (7: 8) sts rem, ssp, turn. [1 st dec'd]

Continue decrease like this with 1 stitch less before each decrease until there are 13 (15: 17) heel sts on the needle.

GUSSET

Rnd 1 Work in st st over the 13 (15: 17) heel

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.

stitches, pick up and knit 13 (14: 16) sts along the side of heel inside the edge st, PM, work Rnd 1 of Main pattern over next 37 sts, PM, pick up and knit 13 (14: 16) sts along the other side on heel inside the edge stitch, knit 6 (7: 8) sts and PM for beg of rnd. [76 (80: 86) sts]

Rnd 2 (Dec rnd) K to 2 sts before SM, k2tog, slSM, patt to SM, slSM, ssk, K to end.
[2 sts dec'd]

Rnd 3 K to SM, slSM, patt to SM, slSM, K to end.

Rep Rnds 2 and 3 another 11 (11: 12) times.
[52 (56: 60) sts]

Cont to work in st st and Main Pattern as set until piece measures 17 (19: 21)cm or 5 (5: 6)cm from desired Sock length.

Removing all markers except beg of rnd marker, insert 1 new SM in each side of sock so that 26 (28: 30) sts rem both on top of foot and under foot.

TOE

Cont to work in st st, decreasing for toe as folls:

Rnd 1 *K to 3 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, slSM, K1, ssk; rep from * once more, K to end.
[4 sts dec'd]

Rnd 2 Knit, slipping markers.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 another 6 (6: 7) times, then rep Rnd 1 another 4 (5: 5) times. [8 sts]

FINISHING

Cut yarn and pull through the remaining sts, tighten together and fasten. Weave in ends and work the other Sock the same way. Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band. 🧶



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