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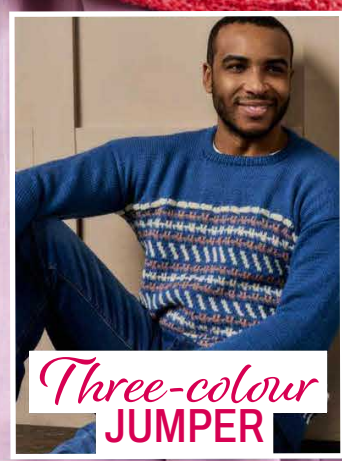
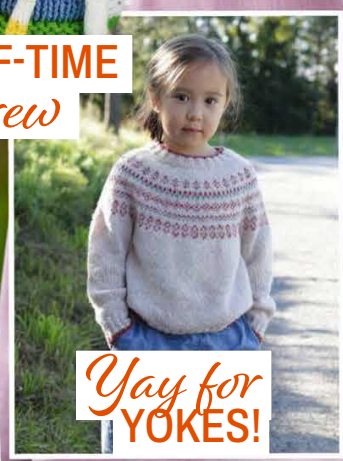
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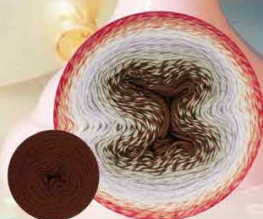
These special edition colourways are designed to mix, match, or connect into one endless gradient. Whether you treat yourself to a single slice or indulge in the full cake trio - this is our sweetest Whirl celebration yet!



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*Kirstie McLeod,
Editor*

Hello

Your summer knitting experience starts here with our brand new patterns



This issue we're packed with the best of summer knitting, starting with our wonderful **sideways cardigan** design for those who love unusual construction. A sporty **striped T-shirt** with ribbed V-neck for days outdoors is next; our sweet **border cardigan** is fresh from the latest Rowan magazine, and you'll love our **mellow sunset cardigan** for chilly beach evenings. We've got a bumper selection for kids this issue, with a classic **colourwork yoked jumper**, **chunky striped baby blanket**, **lion bolster cushion** and the start of our super knit-along – Ann Franklin's **snakes and ladders game**; it's incredible! It's also time to celebrate football with a **Tea Cosy Folk special**, and if you've a chap to knit for, our **men's jumper** has a winning slip-stitch pattern!



The SK Team x

Kirstie, Nicola, Sophie
Jennifer and Cory



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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MONTH!

Brand new knitting patterns – exclusive to *Simply Knitting*!

It's part of our DNA to always bring you gorgeous, brand-new knitting patterns every month! We carefully select top designers and dream up projects we know you and your family will adore. Whether you're just starting out or a seasoned stitcher, with hours to spare or just a few moments to unwind, there's something here for everyone. Every pattern is checked (and double-checked... and checked again!) so it arrives in the best condition. Plus, we team up with leading book publishers to share inspiring pattern extracts from the very latest titles.

- ✓ Commissioned each month
- ✓ Knits for all the family
- ✓ Triple-checked patterns



THIS ISSUE'S UNMISSABLE TREATS!

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- ♥ **THE BIG PRIZE DRAW**
Amazing goodies from KnitPro
- ♥ **ROWAN EXCLUSIVE**
Delicate cropped cardigan
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MUST-HAVES NEXT ISSUE!

Summer toys pattern book

Summer brings out the best in all of us, especially when we can go outside and have some playtime in the garden. Next issue we've gathered together the best kids' toy patterns that you can easily take outside into the sunshine to make the most of that Vitamin D! From a cute tractor knit, to animal skittles and a sweet ladybird noughts and crosses game, there's something in our collection for all ages!



Silly goose tank top

Playful and bursting with sweet pastel shades, this super-cute tank top by Jane Burns makes a truly special birthday gift for someone you love. Packed with charming details, it features intarsia colourwork and embroidery – perfect for knitters ready to take on a rewarding challenge.



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Shopping ♥ Events ♥ Inspiration ♥ People ♥ Views

CUDDLY CREATURES

Create a whole gang of knitted cuddly creatures with this charming pattern collection. Clear instructions and thoughtful construction make these soft toys perfect for little hands, big hugs and special handmade gifts.

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What I'm loving...

...faux Fair Isle baby yarns, a new cotton yarn for summer, the joy of embroidered knits, a fun new chunky yarn from WAK, and mineral-inspired super soft yarn



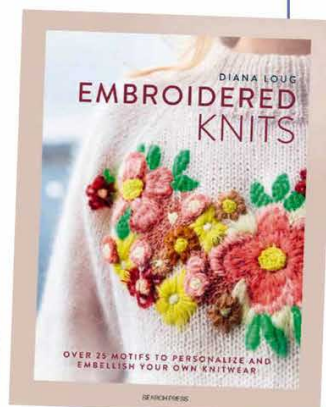
Pretty pastel treats



We love

Yarnsmiths Cotton Wonder

Cotton Wonder offers eight versatile colourways inspired by the Yarnsmiths' palette. Soft and 100% cotton, it's perfect for hats, bags, cardigans, and shawls. From pastel calm to bright rainbow, there's a shade for every project.
£4.80 for 212m, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



Embroidered Knits Book

Norwegian designer Diana Loug shares 25+ playful embroidery motifs to transform knitwear. With simple stitches, colour tips and guides, this inspiring book helps makers refresh, mend and personalise knits beautifully.
£17.99, www.searchpress.com

King Cole Fjord Baby DK

King Cole's new Fjord Baby DK collection features charming baby and toddler knits designed to showcase this soft, self-stripping yarn. Simple stitches, cosy textures and Scandinavian style create practical, durable garments perfect for everyday little adventures.

Patterns £3.10 each, yarn £4.49 for 250m, www.kingcole.com for stockists



We Are Knitters Yummy Yarn Fine

WAK's new Yummy Yarn Fine offers the same playful softness as The Yummy Yarn in a refined chunky-weight blend. With wool warmth, acrylic durability and vibrant shades, it's perfect for cosy sweaters, hats and quick-knit projects.

£7.90 for 140m, www.weareknitters.co.uk

Quick to knit chunky



Scheepjes Stonewashed Minerals XXL

Discover Stone Washed Minerals XXL – a soft, variegated cotton-acrylic yarn in 20 vibrant shades. Perfect for blankets, garments, toys, and accessories, it adds colour, texture, and charm to every knit project.

£4.05 for 75m,

www.scheepjes.com for stockists

Light, soft, and lovely



PRETTY Patterns

We've long been huge fans of Cascade's wonderful yarns, from laceweight to sportweight, chunky and more. But did you know that they also have a huge range of great free patterns to inspire you to cast on for your nearest and dearest? No matter what you're looking to knit, we're sure there will be something to tempt you to whip out your needles and create! We've picked out our favourite jumpers and cardigans to spur your mojo. Choose from casual jumpers, lace treats and colour masterpieces. Discover more at www.cascadeyarns.com



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My City, My Stitches

Enjoy relaxed, textured designs inspired by East Helsinki's neighbourhoods and vibrant spirit, where knitting meets city life...



Discover the vibrant streets of East Helsinki with 'My City, My Stitches', a playful new collection of 15 relaxed, urban knits by Jenny Ansah. From cosy sweaters and cardigans to charming accessories, each design captures the personality of the neighbourhood that inspired it. Jenny's unique perspective brings a fresh, texture-rich approach, blending nature-inspired elements with classic stockinette stitch. Perfect for home or on-the-go knitting, these patterns suit every pace, from quick, satisfying projects to more detailed, everyday wear pieces. Grab your needles and let each stitch take you on a colourful journey through the heart of the city! Book €31.99, www.lainepublishing.com



COSY LITTLE BLANKETS

Dive into soft, cosy baby blankets in bright and neutral shades, designed for love, warmth, and play

Wrap little ones in comfort with 'The Every Baby Blanket Collection'. Using the new Rowan Baby Cashsoft Worsted yarn, these blanket patterns create soft and cosy knits, perfect for all crafters. Gentle textures, playful colourwork, and a mix of calming neutrals and joyful brights make every piece a delight for nurseries. With designs from Martin Storey, Georgia Farrell, Chloe Thurlow, and Anna Hull, there's a blanket for every taste, designed for those precious cuddly moments.

Book £10.50, www.knitrowan.com for stockists



YARN OF THE MONTH

RICO DESIGN PIMA COTTON + CASHMERE

Soft, luxurious Pima cotton blends with cashmere for your elegant knitting projects



Meet your new favourite yarn: Rico Pima Cotton x Cashmere, the perfect blend of comfort and elegance. Combining soft, breathable Pima cotton with a touch of luxurious cashmere, this yarn drapes beautifully for lightweight garments that feel wonderful against the skin. Ideal for both knitting and crochet, it delivers smooth, polished results every time. Whether creating stylish sweaters, delicate accessories, or everyday wear, your summer projects will look and feel sophisticated, soft, and truly special.

Yarn £12.50 for 170m.
www.rico-design.de/en for stockists





Super
squishy
pals

Small creatures, huge cuddles!

Create soft, huggable friends with
these lovely King Cole patterns

If you love knitting toys, King Cole's 'Cuddly Creatures – Book 1' is packed with inspiration. This charming collection features a variety of soft, huggable animal friends just waiting to be brought to life with your needles.

Designed to be truly cuddly, the patterns create sturdy, well-shaped toys perfect for little hands and plenty of play. Each project includes clear, easy-to-follow instructions, along with step-by-step guidance for finishing and assembly. Ideal for handmade gifts, from baby showers to birthdays, these sweet knitted companions are sure to become treasured keepsakes, and every one starts with just a few stitches!

£5.75, www.kingcole.com for stockists



CUDDLY CREATURES
BOOK 1
king cole



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designed by Carol Connelly

Tiny Trendsetters

Explore soft, durable Stylecraft Special DK's fun new colours – they're perfect for children's garments



Special DK from Stylecraft is soft, durable, easy-care, and comes in a rainbow of colours perfect for little ones. This season three new shades have been released, inspiring playful knitting projects, from cosy jumpers to tees with neat collars, and classic textures. Designed for everyday adventures, these garments are comfy, practical, and ready for hours of fun. Cast on your favourite this summertime.

Yarn £2.35 for 295m, patterns £3.09, www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk for stockists



Brand
new
shades



Great
patterns
for kids



A summer in cardigans



You've probably heard the phrase "sweater weather," but when spring and summer arrive, it's all about having a lightweight cardigan ready for those cooler evenings. A British summer simply isn't complete without layers, so we've been exploring the latest knitting pattern designs from DROPS to bring you plenty of inspiration. This season's cardigans feature beautifully light options perfect for outdoor cover-ups – each one effortlessly tempting. Discover them all at www.garnstudio.com



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DIAMOND TRAIL

You'll weave a decorative pattern through a sideways knitted cardigan when you cast on this pretty **Sarah Hatton** knit





* SIDEWAYS CARDIGAN



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Elements DK (60% Iyocell, 40% Falkland wool, 50g/112m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle, 100-120cm long
- ☐ A 3.25mm circular needle, 100-120cm long
- ☐ Lockable stitch markers

TENSION

22 sts and 31 rows to measure

10x10cm (4x4in) over Main Pattern using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

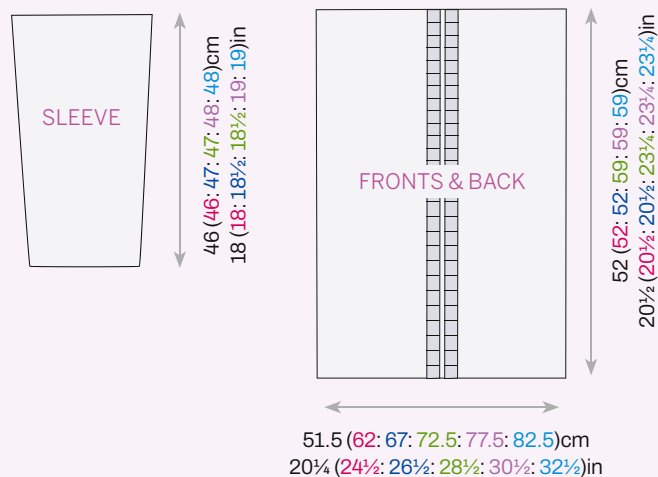
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WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ Venetia's Yarn Shop 01328 621626 www.venetiasyarnshop.com
- ☐ In Stitches 01453 764887, www.institchesstroud.co.uk



SIDEWAYS CARDIGAN BODY

Worked sideways from left to right.

Cast on 233 (233: 233: 263: 263: 263) sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, sl1wyib, K1, knit to last 3 sts, K1, sl1wyib, K1.

Row 2 Sl1wyif, P1, sl1wyif, purl to last 3 sts, sl1wyif, P1, sl1wyif.

These 2 rows set i-cord edges which will be worked throughout.

SIZES 12-14, 20-22 AND 24-26 ONLY

Row 1 (RS) Patt 3, knit to last 3 sts, patt 3.

Row 2 Patt 3, work across Row 18 of Chart working 30-st rep - (7: - : 8: 8: -) times, patt 3.

These 2 rows set Chart placement and i-cord edges.

Work Rows 19 to 24 of Chart as set.

Rep the last 8 rows - (1: - : 0: 1: -) more time(s).

ALL SIZES

Working i-cord edges throughout and working 30-st rep 7 (7: 7: 8: 8: 8) times for each Chart row, work Rows 1 to 24 of Chart a total of 1 (1: 2: 2: 2: 3) time(s).

Work Rows 1 to 56 of Chart as set.

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 117 (117: 117: 132: 132: 132) sts for left front

"Whatever the seasonal trends, there's always a show of love for summer garments, in coral, and this cardigan, with its diamond texture, is super flattering too!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



edge, knit to end. [116 (116: 116: 131: 131: 131) sts]

Next row Purl to end, **cast on** 117 (117: 117: 132: 132: 132) sts for right front edge. [233 (233: 233: 263: 263: 263) sts]

You will now work the Chart in reverse from top to bottom and cont working i-cord edges as set. Work Rows 56 to 1 as set, then work only Rows 24 to 1 a total of 1 (1: 2: 2: 2: 3) time(s).

SIZES 12-14, 20-22 AND 24-26 ONLY

Work Rows 24 to 18 of Chart as set.

Next row Patt 3, purl to last 3 sts, patt 3.

Rep these 8 rows - (1: - : 0: 1: -) more time(s).

FOR ALL SIZES

Row 1 (RS) Patt 3, knit to last 3 sts, patt 3.

Row 2 Patt 3, purl to last 3 sts, patt 3.

Cast off.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 50 (50: 54: 54: 58: 58) sts using 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, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Rib to end, inc 1 st at end of row.

[51 (51: 55: 55: 59: 59) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.

Beg and ending rows as indicated for your size and working 10-st rep 5 times for each Chart row, work Rows 1 to 4 of Chart.

Working inc sts into patt, inc 1 st at each end of next row and 9 (12: 0: 10: 8: 14) foll 8th (6th: - : 4th: 4th: 4th) rows to 71 (77: 57: 77: 77:

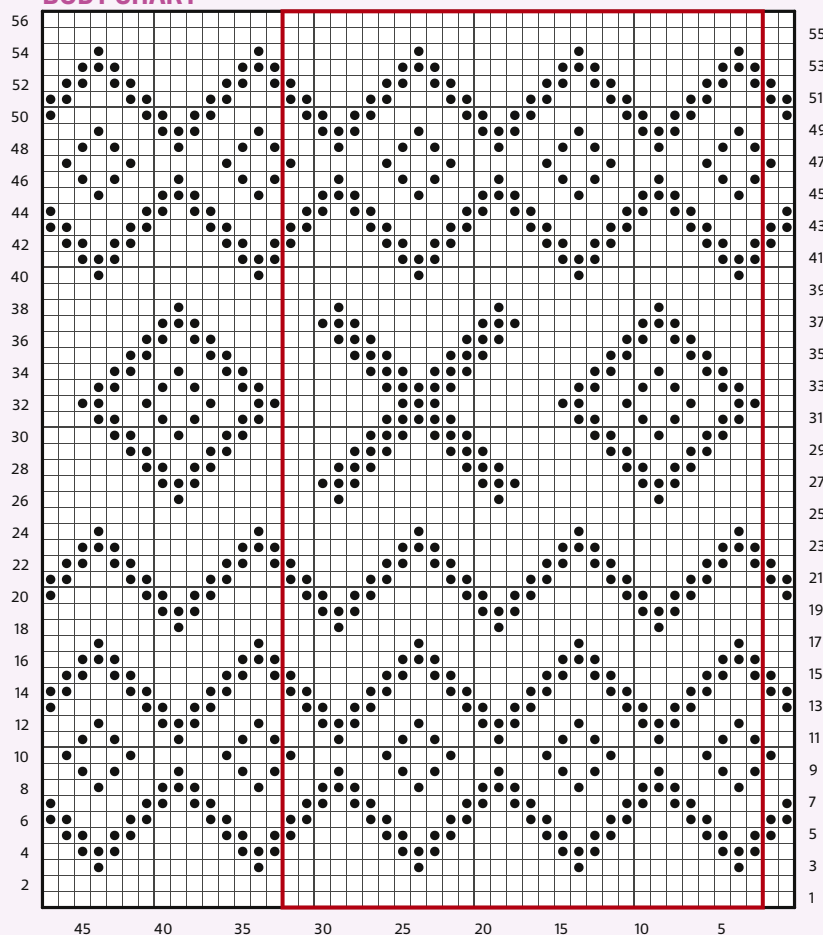
FIND YOUR SIZE

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	103	124	134	144.5	155	165
	in	40½	48¾	52¾	57	61	65
LENGTH	cm	52	52	52	59	59	59
	in	20½	20½	20½	23¾	23¾	23¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	46	47	47	48	48
	in	18	18	18½	18½	19	19
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners Elements DK (50g/112m)					
Watermelon (1145)		10	11	12	14	15	16

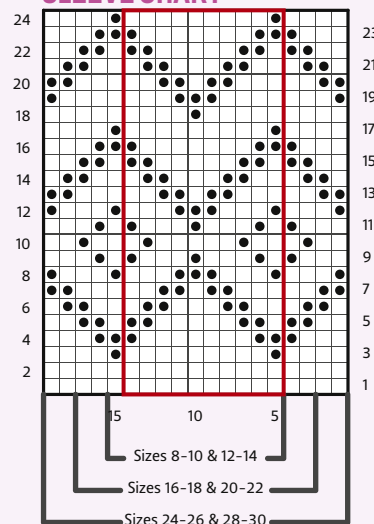
SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements and you're off



BODY CHART



SLEEVE CHART



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☒ P on RS; K on WS
- ☒ Repeat



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89) sts, then on every foll 10th (8th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row to 79 (87: 95: 101: 105: 109) sts.

Cont in patt without shaping until Sleeve meas 46 (46: 47: 47: 48: 48)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

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

[9 (7: 15: 11: 15: 9) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

MAKING UP NECKBAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm circular needle, pick up and knit 140 (140: 140: 156: 156: 156) sts up right front edge, PM, pick up and knit 140 (140: 140: 156: 156: 156) sts down left front edge.

[280 (280: 280: 312: 312: 312) sts]

Row 1 (WS) K1, *P2, K2; rep from * to last 3 sts, P2, K1.

Row 2 K3, *P2, K2; rep from * to 3 sts before mrk, P1, k2tog, sl mrk, k2togtbl, P1, **K2, P2; rep from ** to last 3 sts, K3. [2 sts dec'd]

These 2 rows set rib and back neck decreases.

Work 6 rows, working in K2, P2 rib with decreases as set on every RS row. [272 (272: 272: 304: 304: 304) sts]

Cast off in patt.

FINISHING

Fold work in half and place markers 18 (20: 21.5: 23: 24: 24.5)cm down from fold (shoulders) to denote armhole depth. Easing fabric to fit, sew in sleeves between 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!



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Christine's Rusty
the Fox is ready
for adventure!

READY FOR RUSTY

I have finished Rusty the Fox! I used the Women's Institute DK yarn because I found their colours were really nice. The pattern was very easy to read, the only problem was with the head – I just couldn't see how it would stitch up – but once I put the stuffing in it started to look right. I am really pleased with how he has turned out and I'm sure my granddaughter will love him. Thank you for your bounty of patterns – can't wait to see what you come up with next!

@Christine Warwick

Doesn't he look smart, Christine?! I love that you found the colours you were after to make him look perfect for you and your granddaughter. He's smashing!



Pattern
in Issue
227

Maddie made our
patterned headscarf
for her sister

TWO-DAY KNIT

I recently finished this headscarf from Issue 227. I used Salvage yarn from Knit Picks. It took me two days to knit because I was so excited about how it was looking. I made it for my sister because she's been wanting some scarves! I found the pattern through the Libby app (my local library subscribes to the magazine). My biggest tip would be to remember that *Simply Knitting* has a page in the back of all issues with stitch abbreviations, charts, and knitting tips. I didn't know how to do one of the stitches for the pattern, so that stitch abbreviation page helped a lot!

@Maddie Brousseau

This is a cracking headscarf, Maddie. I love how crisp your pattern stitch is. I hope your sister enjoys wearing it.

★ STAR LETTER ★

ANYONE FOR CHESS?

In 2011 your magazine published a chess set pattern as a supplement. I loved it and planned to make it. The yarn I used was King Cole DK, which is always nice to use. The knitting itself was a bit fiddly, I do recommend that anyone making it labels everything! The instructions were great though as are all Alan Dart patterns. It is hard to say how long it took as I had many breaks due to ill health, but I would say about a month if I compacted it. Just over many years! I'm glad I put it in a box, it makes the whole thing complete.

@Cate Brassington

This is one of my favourite Alan Dart patterns! I love that it can be used to create fun memories. It looks great, Cate. What a fabulous achievement!



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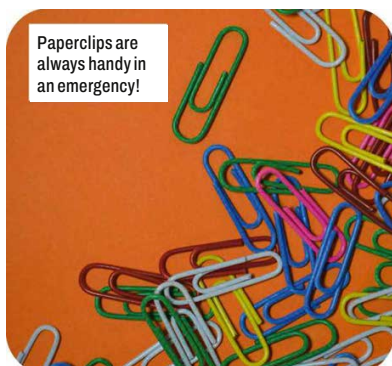
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MAKE SHIFT MARKERS

When I ran out of stitch markers on holiday, I looped tiny paperclips around my needles to help keep my place. They're surprisingly secure, don't snag the yarn, and easy to buy wherever you are. My cat even likes batting them around the floor afterwards.

@Ebony Helliwell

We love this idea Ebony, thanks for writing in.



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@ Anna Feldman

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KNITTING PETER

I knitted this little jumper for my 11-month-old boy using a pattern from the book 'Peter Rabbit™ Baby Knits: 20 Knitting Patterns for Clothes and Accessories Inspired by the Tales of Beatrix Potter' by Debbie Bliss, which I picked up on a short trip to Scotland. The sweet Peter Rabbit™ design completely stole my heart, and I knew I had to make it for him. I've only been knitting for a year, having first been inspired to learn when I fell pregnant with my little one. This jumper took me around a month to complete, and along the way I learned so much – from cabling and twisting stitches to mastering bobbles for the first time. Each new technique felt like a little milestone in my knitting journey. I used Sirdar Snuggly to create this jumper, and finished the finer details, like the eye and whiskers, with DMC embroidery thread. There is truly nothing I enjoy more than seeing my son – and my friends' children – wearing pieces I've made especially for them. This jumper feels so special, not only because of the skills I gained while making it, but because it was created for my little boy. As a tip, I'd always look at the measurements rather than the clothing size it states – I made this mistake as a beginner and had to restart due to it being far too big!

@ Becky Nunn

Wow! Becky after knitting for just a year this is a cracking achievement. There's a lot of different techniques in this pattern for both colourwork and texture. We're not surprised you love it!



Becky knitted a sweet Peter Rabbit™ jumper for her son



Caroline decorated her neighbourhood with an Alan Dart-inspired knit

TWITCHER TOPPER

I really love your readers' pages, and thought I would send in a picture of my most recent postbox topper. I've been a fan of Alan Dart's patterns for years, and this one – Robin the Twitcher – has been sitting in my to-do pile waiting for the right project. I love all of the details in this one, from the binoculars to his little green body warmer. The pattern wasn't difficult to knit, but the sewing up part was a bit tricky. We have a family of blue tits and a little robin that regularly visit our garden, so I wanted to include them in the project as well. The topper took about two weeks to create, including the cross-stitched signs. The bear and the little birds were knitted using Yarnsmiths Create DK yarn, which really stands up to the elements.

@ Caroline Lord

We love a postbox topper here at *Simply Knitting!* Who could pass a wonderfully decorated postbox without being in awe of all that work – not to mention all the smiles a project like this delivers for the whole community. Your bird knits are the icing on the cake, Caroline. Well done!

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TRENDY TEXTURE

Tap into the fabric trend everyone wants right now – loose loops – when you cast on this cute handbag by **Sophie Jordan**





EASY TO KNIT!

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Morris DK (50% Bluefaced Leicester wool, 25% Bluefaced Kerry Hill wool, 25% Masham wool, 50g/112m)

1 ball of each

Yarn A Mint

Yarn B Hyacinth

Yarn C Sage

Yarn D Artichoke

Yarn E Clover

- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ 2 faux-leather bag handles, 60cm long with two small holes at each end

TENSION

15 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over loop stitch pattern using 5mm needles and yarn held double

MEASUREMENTS

Width 23cm (9in)

Height 19.5cm (7¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

Loop stitch K1 keeping st on LH needle, bring yarn to the front, wrap yarn around the left thumb to make a loop of about 4cm, take yarn back, knit into back of st still on the LH needle, slipping this st off the needle, pass st before looped st over last st knitted

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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

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LOOPY BAG

Note For strength, bag is knitted with yarn used DOUBLE throughout.

Cast on 70 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A using yarn held double.

Work 4 rows of twisted garter st (knitting into the back of every stitch).

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

Row 2 (WS) Purl to end.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Break Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 4 times.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn C.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 4 times.

Break Yarn C and join in Yarn D.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 4 times.

Break Yarn D and join in Yarn E.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 4 times.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends. Fold the bag in half along its width and sew the side and bottom seam. Place the bag handles so that they are equally spaced from the edges on the right side of the bag. Sew repeatedly through the holes until they are secure.

Alternatively, you can place the handle ends inside the bag, or use just one handle, attaching it to either end of the opening. You could place the handles inside the bag, but you would have to make sure that you don't crush the loops when you sew them in place. 

STEP-BY-STEP CABLE CAST-ON METHOD



1 Make a slip knot. Insert right-hand needle into the stitch as if to knit. Wrap the yarn around the point and pull through, slipping the stitch on to the left-hand needle.



2 Push the point of the right-hand needle between the first and second stitches. Wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.



3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require for your project.

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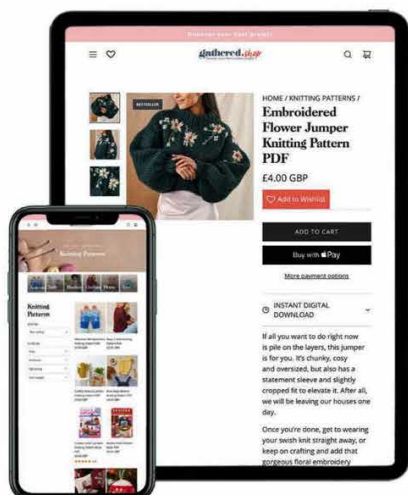
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Dainty motifs decorate this darling yoked jumper for children. Pair it with jeans, cotton trousers or a sweet skirt. By **DROPS**



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

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

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

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KIDS' JUMPER

Evenly spaced increases To work out how to increase evenly, count the total number of stitches on the needle (e.g. 80 stitches) and divide by the number of increases to be made (e.g. 16) = 5. In this example, increase by making 1 yarn over after each 5th stitch. On the next round knit the yarn overs twisted to avoid holes.

Colourwork knitting To avoid the knitting tension losing its elasticity when working pattern, it is important that the strands at the back are not tight. Use a larger needle when working pattern if piece becomes tight.

Overview of the piece The neck and yoke are worked in the round with a circular needle, from mid back and top down. The yoke is divided for body and sleeves and the body continued in the round with a circular needle. The sleeves are worked in the round with DPNs.

NECK

Cast on 80 (80: 84: 84: 88: 88) sts using 3mm DPNs/circular needle, 40cm long, and Yarn C. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round.

Knit 1 round.

Change to Yarn A.

Rib Round *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
Repeat Rib round until rib meas 3cm.

Knit 1 round increasing 16 (20: 20: 24: 24: 28) sts evenly spaced across the round. [96 (100: 104: 108: 112: 116) sts]

Change to a 4mm circular needle.

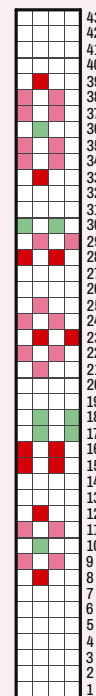
Beginning of round is mid-back, place a locking marker, the piece is now measured from here.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		2y	3-4y	5-6y	7-8y	9-10y	11-12y
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	65	68.5	72.5	76	80	84
	in	25½	27	28½	30	31½	33
LENGTH	cm	36	40	44	48	50	52
	in	14¼	15¾	17¼	19	19¾	20½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	17	23	27	31	35	39
	in	6¾	9	10¾	12¼	13¾	15¼
YARN		DROPS Sky (DK, 50g/190m)					
Yarn A White Fog (25)		3	3	3	4	4	5
Yarn B Light Sea Green (07)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Strawberry Red (35)		1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Peach (19)		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

CHART



KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Knit

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

YOKE

BEGIN CHART

Begin working from the Chart in st st working the 4-st rep 24 (25: 26: 27: 28: 29) times across the round. AT THE SAME TIME work increases on the following rounds:

Round 6 Increase 20 (24: 24: 24: 24: 28) sts evenly spaced across the round. [116 (124: 128: 132: 136: 144) sts]

Round 13 Increase 24 (24: 24: 24: 28: 28) sts evenly spaced across the round. [140 (148: 152: 156: 164: 172) sts]

Round 20 increase 24 (24: 24: 24: 28: 28) sts evenly spaced across the round. [164 (172: 176: 180: 192: 200) sts]

Round 26 increase 24 (24: 28: 28: 28: 32) sts evenly spaced across the round. [188 (196: 204: 208: 220: 232) sts]

Round 32 increase 24 (28: 32: 32: 32: 32) sts evenly spaced across the round. [212 (224: 236: 240: 252: 264) sts]

Once the Chart is finished, continue in st st with Yarn A only until the Yoke meas 16 (16: 16: 17: 18: 19)cm from the marker at the neck.

DIVIDE FOR BODY AND SLEEVES

Knit 31 (33: 35: 36: 38: 40) (half back piece), place the next 44 (46: 48: 48: 50: 52) sts on a holder for the sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8) sts under sleeve, knit 62 (66: 70: 72: 76: 80) (front piece), place the next 44 (46: 48: 48: 50: 52) sts on a holder for the sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8) sts under sleeve, knit 31 (33: 35: 36: 38: 40) (half back piece). [136 (144: 152: 160: 168: 176) sts]

The body and sleeves are finished separately, the piece is now measured from here.

BODY

Cont in st st with Yarn A only till the Body meas 15 (19: 23: 25: 26: 27)cm.





Knit 1 round increasing 36 (36: 36: 40: 40: 40) sts evenly spaced across the round. [172 (180: 188: 200: 208: 216) sts]

Change to a 3mm circular needle.

Work Rib Round as for Neck until the rib meas 2.5 (2.5: 2.5: 3.5: 3.5: 3.5)cm.

Change to Yarn C and work Rib Round twice more.

Cast off in rib.

SLEEVES

Place one set of 44 (46: 48: 50: 52) sts on a holder for the sleeve onto 4mm DPNs, pick up and knit 6 (6: 6: 8: 8) sts in the cast on sts under the sleeve. Place a marker in the middle of the under sleeve sts to mark beg of round. [50 (52: 54: 56: 58: 50) sts]

Work st st in Yarn A until the sleeve meas 3cm.

Decrease Round K1, skpo, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2sts dec'd]

Repeat Decrease Round every 1.5 (2.5: 3: 3.5: 4: 4)cm a further 5 (6: 6: 6: 7) times. [38 (38: 40: 42: 44: 44) sts]

Continue in st st without decreases until sleeve meas 14 (20: 24: 27: 31: 35)cm from the division.

Knit 1 round increasing 6 (6: 8: 6: 8: 8) sts evenly spaced across the round. [44 (44: 48: 48: 52: 52) sts]

Change to 3mm DPNs.

Work Rib Round as for Neck until the rib meas 2.5 (2.5: 2.5: 3.5: 3.5: 3.5)cm.

Change to Yarn C and work Rib Round twice more.

Cast off in rib.

Work the second sleeve in the same way.

FINISHING

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

STEP-BY-STEP SKPO SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the stitch on to the right-hand needle.



2 Knit the next stitch as normal.



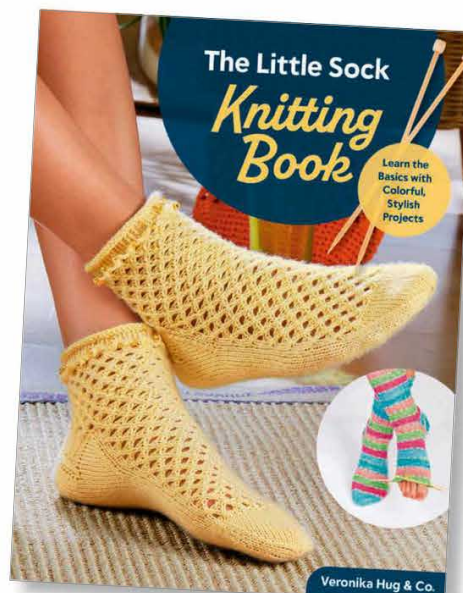
3 Insert the point of the left-hand needle into the slipped stitch on the right-hand needle and lift it over the knitted stitch.



4 Continue knitting as directed in the pattern. This decrease forms a slant that slopes towards the left.



Book of the Month



Let this comprehensive guide turn you into a sock knitting whizz!

If you've ever wanted to try knitting your own socks but didn't know where to start, 'The Little Sock Knitting Book' is the perfect introduction – a fun, lightweight guide for beginners that makes sock knitting easy and enjoyable.

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WEEKEND HIKE

Clever slipped stitches create the textured colour in this classic crew neck jumper by **Pat Menchini**



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab DK (100% British wool, 100g/225m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 2 stitch holders

TENSION

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

26 sts and 32 rows to measure
10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern
using 4mm needles

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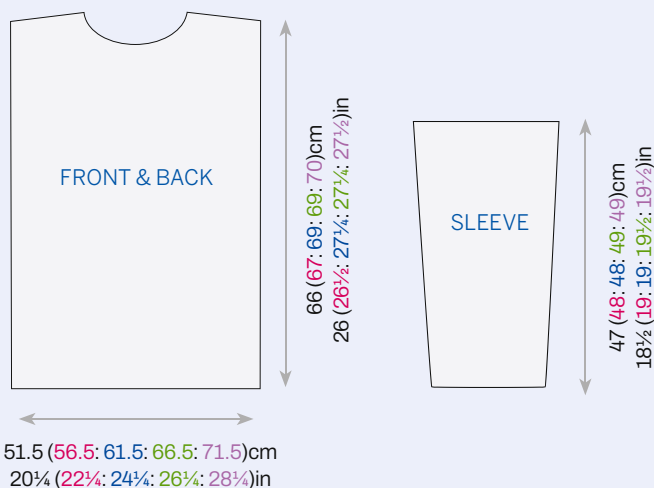
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MEN'S JUMPER CHART (WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS)

Note On the following 10 rows carry colour not in use loosely across WS rows over not more than 3 sts at a time.

Row 1 (RS) Knit in Yarn A.

Row 2 (WS) Purl in Yarn A.

Row 3 (RS) K2A, (K2C, K4A) to last 3 sts, K2C, K1A.

Rows 4, 6, 8 and 10 Purl using colours as on previous row.

Row 5 K3A, (K2C, K4A) to last 2 sts, K2C.

Row 7 (K4A, K2C) to last 5 sts, K4A, K1C.

Row 9 K5A, (K2C, K4A) to end.

Rows 11 and 12 As Rows 1 and 2.

Row 13 K4B, (sl1pwise, K1B taking care not to pull yarn tightly after every slipped st, sl1pwise, K3B) to last st, K1B.

Row 14 P4B, (sl1pwise, P1B, sl1pwise, P3B) to last st, P1B.

Row 15 Knit in Yarn B.

Row 16 Purl in Yarn B.

Row 17 K1A, (sl1pwise, K1A, sl1pwise, K3A) to last 4 sts, (sl1pwise, K1A) twice.

Row 18 (P1A, sl1pwise) twice, (P3A, sl1pwise, P1A, sl1pwise) to last st, P1A.

Row 19 Knit in Yarn A.

Row 20 Purl in Yarn A.

Rows 21 to 24 With C, as Rows 13 to 16.

Rows 25 to 28 As Rows 17 to 20.

Rows 29 to 34 As Rows 13 to 18.

These 34 rows set patt.

BACK

Cast on 117 (129: 141: 151: 163) sts 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 the last 2 rows until rib measures 6cm, ending after Row 1.

Next row (WS inc) P6 (5: 4: 8: 5), *M1P, P15 (17: 19: 15: 17); rep from * to last 6 (5: 4: 8: 5) sts, M1P, P to end. [125 (137: 149: 161: 173) sts]

SET PATTERN

Change to 4mm needles.

Helpful hint To avoid many ends when changing colours, where possible, instead of breaking off yarns, carry colour(s) not in use loosely up edge of work, weaving in yarns on first st (edge st) at start of RS rows.

Work 34 rows from Chart or Written Instructions 4 times, then work Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Break Yarn B.

SET BORDER

Change to Yarn C.

Row 1 Knit.

FIND YOUR SIZE

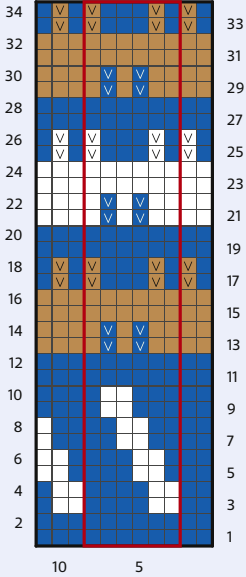
SIZE		S	M	L	XL	2XL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	131-137
	in	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	103	113	123	133	143
	in	40½	44½	48½	52½	56½
LENGTH	cm	66	67	69	69	70
	in	26	26½	27¼	27¼	27½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	47	48	48	49	49
	in	18½	19	19	19½	19½
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab DK (100g/225m)				
Yarn A True Blue (111)		5	5	6	6	7
Yarn B Latte Brown (1135)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Natural Cream (010)		1	1	1	1	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

KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Sl1pw
- 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

"I love the spring/summer colours of this men's jumper. And colourwork in slip stitch is just like magic to me. I'd make two and change the second to reflect autumn shades."
SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



Rows 2 to 4 Beg with a WS K row, work 3 rows in rev st st.

Break Yarn C and change to Yarn A.

Row 5 K5, *drop next st off left needle and run this down 3 rows, replace the st and the 3 loops on left needle and knit them firmly together, K5; rep from * to end.

Row 6 (WS) P5 (4: 8: 8: 7), *p2tog, P12 (12: 11: 11: 11); rep from * to last 8 (7: 11: 10: 10), p2tog, P to end. [116 (127: 138: 149: 160) sts]

Cont straight in st st until work measures 66 (67: 69: 69: 70)cm, ending after a WS P row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off loosely 8 (9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 8 rows, then 8 (8: 9: 9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Slip rem 36 (39: 40: 43: 44) sts on a stitch holder and leave.

FRONT

Work as Back until work measures 20 (22: 24: 26: 28) rows fewer than Back up to start of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS P row.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) K42 (46: 51: 55: 60), k2tog, K1, turn and cont on these 44 (48: 53: 57: 62) sts for left half of neck.

Next row P1, p2tog, P to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [40 (44: 49: 53: 58) sts]

Work 15 (17: 19: 21: 23) rows straight, thus ending at side edge.

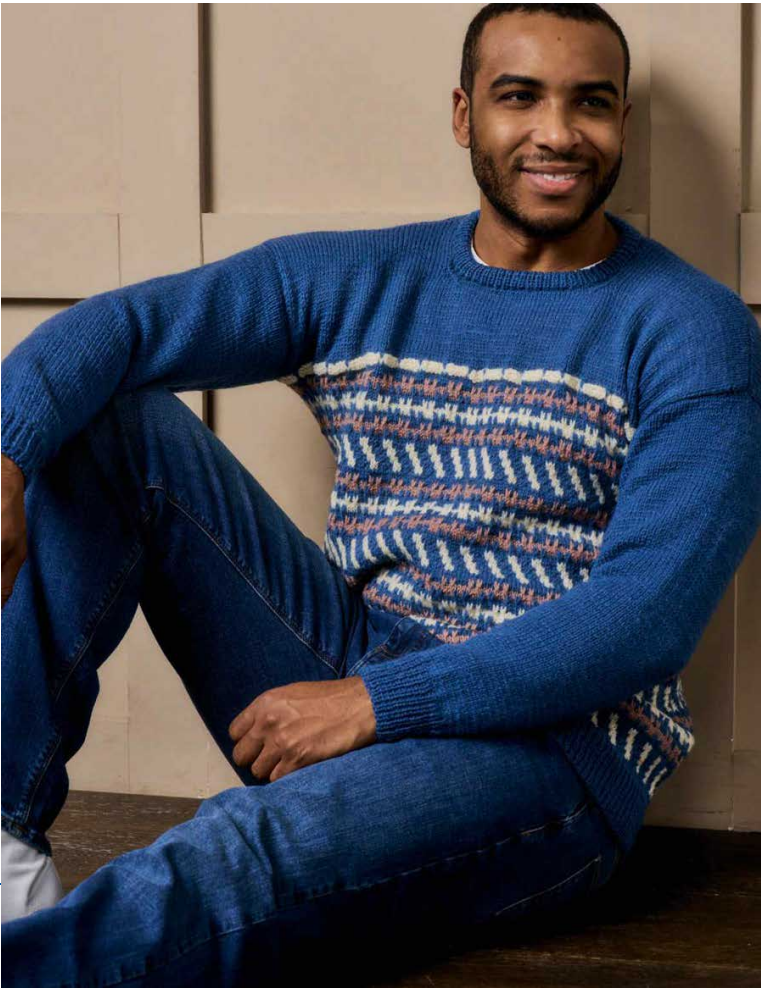
SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off loosely 8 (9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next row and the 3 foll alt rows. Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 8 (8: 9: 9: 10) sts.

With RS facing, slip next 26 (29: 30: 33: 34) sts (centre sts) on a stitch holder and leave.

Neatly rejoin Yarn A to rem 45 (49: 54: 58: 63) sts.



Next row (RS) K1, k2togtbl, K to end. [1 st dec'd]

[44 (48: 53: 57: 62) sts]

Next row P to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, P1. [1 st dec'd]

Next row K1, k2togtbl, K to end. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more. [40 (44: 49: 53: 58) sts]

Work 16 (18: 20: 22: 24) rows straight, thus ending at side edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off loosely 8 (9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next row and the 3 foll alt rows. Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 8 (8: 9: 9: 10) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts loosely using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in rib as on Back for 6cm, ending after a Row 1.

Next row (WS inc) P4 (2: 3: 4: 2), *M1P, P6 (7: 7: 7: 8); rep from * to last 5 (3: 4: 5: 3) sts, M1P, P to end. [52 (54: 56: 58: 60) sts]

Change to 4mm needles and beg with a RS K row shape Sleeve by inc 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll 6th (6th: 6th: 6th: 4th) row until there are 58 (70: 80: 64: 66) sts, then on every foll 6th row for all sizes until there are 80 (86: 90: 96: 100) sts.

Work straight until Sleeve measures 47 (48: 48: 49: 49)cm, measured through centre of work and ending after a RS K row.

Cast off very loosely.

NECKBAND

Join left shoulder.

With 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, RS facing, K36 (39: 40: 43: 44) sts from Back holder, pick up and K22 (24: 25: 27: 28) sts evenly down left edge of neck, K26 (29: 30: 33: 34) sts from Front holder, finally pick up and K23 (25: 26: 28: 29) sts up right edge of neck. [107 (117: 121: 131: 135) sts]

Purl 1 row.

Beg Row 1, work 11 rows of rib as on Back.

Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP

Join right shoulder and edges of Neckband. Fold Neckband in half to WS and hem in place. Stitch cast-off edge of Sleeves to upper side edges of Back and Front. Join side and Sleeve seams.

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



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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Volunteer Development Manager at
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Beaded band

Sophie Jordan's delicate pearl
headband adds a pretty finish

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Bergère de France Merinos 2.5 (4ply, 100% wool, 50g/225m)
- 1 ball of Mauve Bebe
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ Pearl 5mm beads x 36 (Trimits 5mm Pearls from Hobbycraft)
- ☐ Sewing needle (large enough to thread yarn and fit through bead hole)

TENSION

27 sts and 35 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference 48cm (19in)
Width 7cm (2 3/4in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

Note Thread 36 beads onto your yarn before you cast on.

Cast on 131 sts using 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit into the back of all sts.

Rows 2 to 6 Beg with a purl row, work in st st.

Row 7 (RS) Purl (to create a folding crease).

Rows 8 to 10 Beg with a purl row, work in st st.

Row 11 (beading row) K36, (bring yarn and bead to front, sl1 purlwise, bring yarn to back leaving bead in place, K5), 9 times, K41.

Row 12 Purl, knitting into the back of all the slipped stitches from previous row



to tighten them.

Row 13 (beading row) K35, (bring yarn and bead to front, sl1 purlwise, bring yarn to back leaving bead in place, K1, bring yarn and bead to front, sl1 purlwise, bring yarn to back leaving bead in place, K3) 9 times, K42.

Row 14 As Row 12.

Row 15 As Row 11.

Row 16 As Row 12.

Rows 17 to 19 Beg with a knit row, work in st st for 3 rows.

Row 20 (WS) Knit (to create a folding crease).

Rows 21 to 26 Beg with a knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

With RS together, join short ends by stitching together firmly. With RS outwards, seam Headband lengthways using a neat stitch. 🧶

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Naturals Bamboo + Cotton (DK, 60% bamboo, 40% cotton, 100g/240m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ A 3.5mm circular needle
- ☐ Safety pin/removable stitch marker
- ☐ Stitch holder

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.75mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft on 01484 848435 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

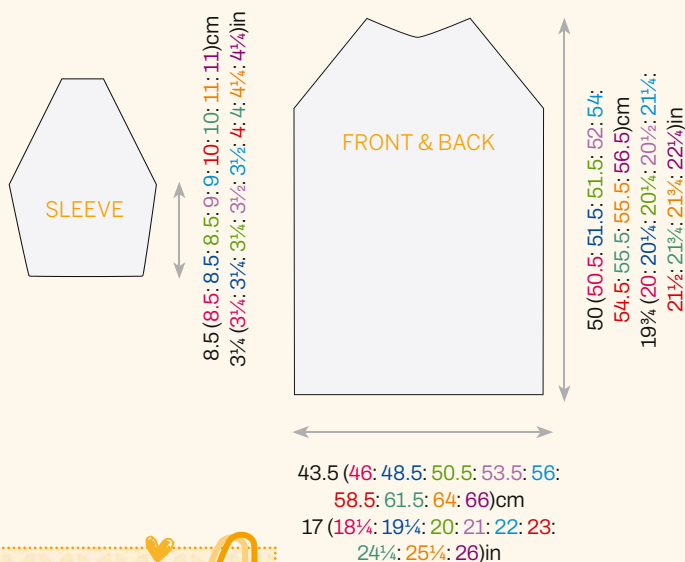
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STRIPED T-SHIRT BACK

Cast on 97 (103: 109: 113: 119: 125: 131: 137: 143: 147) sts using 3.5mm straight needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K1, (P1, K1) to end.

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

**Cont in rib as set for another 12 (12: 12: 12: 14: 14: 14: 14: 14: 16) rows.

Change to 3.75mm straight needles.

Begin with a RS (knit) row, cont in st st and work in stripes as foll AND AT THE SAME TIME working waist shaping as given below:

(2 rows in Yarn A) once.

(4 rows in Yarn B, 4 rows in Yarn A) six times.

(4 rows in Yarn C, 4 rows in Yarn A) three times.

After these stripes are complete, cont in Yarn C only.

WAIST SHAPING

Work straight in st st for 16 (16: 14: 14: 14: 14: 12: 12: 12) rows, ending after a WS row and keeping stripes correct.

Next row (RS, dec) K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [95 (101: 107: 111: 117: 123: 129: 135: 141: 145) sts]

Work straight for 17 rows, ending after a WS row and keeping stripes correct.

Next row (RS, dec) K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [93 (99: 105: 109: 115: 121: 127: 133: 139: 143) sts]

Work straight for 13 (13: 13: 13: 11: 11: 11: 11: 9) rows, ending after a WS row and keeping stripes correct.

Next row (RS, inc) K1, M1, K to last 1 st, M1, K1. [95 (101: 107: 111: 117: 123: 129: 135: 141: 145) sts]

Work straight for 17 rows, ending after a WS row and keeping stripes correct.

Next row (RS, inc) K1, M1, K to last 1 st, M1, K1. [97 (103: 109: 113: 119: 125: 131: 137: 143: 147) sts]



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	96	102	107	112	117	122	127
	in	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	86.5	92	97	101	106.5	112	117	123	128	132
	in	34	36½	38½	39½	42	44	46	48½	50½	52
LENGTH	cm	50	50.5	51.5	51.5	52	54	54.5	55.5	55.5	56.5
	in	19½	20	20½	20½	20½	21½	21½	21½	21½	22½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	9	9	10	10	11	11
	in	3¼	3¼	3¼	3¼	3½	3½	4	4	4¼	4¼
YARN		Stylecraft Naturals Bamboo + Cotton (DK, 100g/240m)									
Yarn A Moss		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
Yarn B Buttermilk		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2
Yarn C Daffodil		1	1	1	1	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



"When spring and summer comes around you can always find me knitting short sleeved T-shirts in cooler yarns. They are lovely and soft, and wash so well."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Work straight for 15 (15: 15: 15: 15: 17: 17: 17: 19: 19) rows, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 8) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [91 (97: 101: 103: 107: 113: 119: 125: 129: 131) sts]

Next row (RS, dec) K2, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]***

Cont to dec as set at each end of every 4th row another 2 (0: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0) times and then dec as set at each end of every foll RS row another 21 (26: 26: 28: 29: 31: 31: 33: 32: 33) times. [43 (43: 45: 45: 47: 49: 55: 57: 63: 63) sts]

SIZES 8 TO 16

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off.

SIZES 18 TO 26

Next row (WS) P2, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, ssp, P2. [2 sts dec'd]

Cont to decrease as set at each end of every foll row another - (: : : : : 0: 2: 2: 4: 4) times. [- (: : : : : 47: 49: 51: 53: 53) sts]

Cast off.

FRONT

Cast on 97 (103: 109: 113: 119: 125: 131: 137: 143: 147) sts using 3.5mm straight needles and Yarn A.

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

Row 2 P2, (K1, P1), to last st, P1.





Work as for Back from ** to ***.

[89 (95: 99: 101: 105: 111: 117: 123: 127: 129) sts]

Cont to dec as set at each end of every foll 4th row another 2 (0: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0) times and then dec as set at each end of every foll RS row another 8 (14: 12: 15: 16: 17: 17: 19: 19: 20) times.

[69 (67: 73: 71: 73: 77: 83: 85: 89: 89) sts]

SHAPE NECK AND ARMHOLES

Next row K2, ssk, K30 (29: 32: 31: 32: 34: 37: 38: 40: 40), turn and leave rem sts on holder.

Next row (WS) P1, p2tog, P to end. [1 st dec'd at neck edge]

Next row K2, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[1 st dec'd at armhole edge and 1 st dec'd at neck edge]

Rep last 2 rows another 6 (7: 6: 7: 8: 6: 4: 5: 5: 5) times.

[12 (8: 14: 10: 8: 16: 25: 23: 25: 25) sts]

Cont to dec as set at each end of every RS row to 6 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 5: 5: 5) sts.

SIZES 8 TO 18

Work 1 row straight.

Next row K2, sk2po, K1. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K1, sk2po. [2 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

SIZES 20 TO 26

Work 1 row straight.

Next row K2, skpo. [3 sts]

Next row Ssp, P1. [2 sts]

Cast off.

Place centre stitch on safety pin or removable stitch marker.

With RS facing return rem sts to needle, rejoin yarn and K to end.

[34 (33: 36: 35: 36: 38: 41: 42: 44: 44) sts]

Next row (WS) P to last 3 sts, ssp, P1. [1 st dec'd]

Next row K1, ssk, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep last two rows another 6 (7: 6: 7: 8: 6: 4: 5: 5: 5) times.

[12 (8: 14: 10: 8: 16: 25: 23: 25: 25) sts]

Cont to dec as set at each end of every RS row to 6 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 5: 5: 5) sts.



STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



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



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



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



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

SIZES 8 TO 18

Work 1 row straight.

Next row K1, k3tog, K2. [4 sts]

Next row Purl.

Next row K3tog, K1. [2 sts]

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

SIZES 20 TO 26

Work 1 row straight.

Next row K3tog, K2. [3 sts]

Next row P1, p2tog. [2 sts]

Cast off.

SLEEVES

Cast on 59 (63: 67: 69: 71: 75: 79: 81: 85) sts using 3.5mm straight needles and Yarn A.

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

Row 2 P2, (K1, P1) to last st, P1.

Cont in rib as set for another 8 (8: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10: 10: 10) rows.

Change to 3.75mm straight needles.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, cont in st st and work in stripes as foll:

2 rows in Yarn A.

4 rows in Yarn B.

4 rows in Yarn A.

4 rows in Yarn B.

2 (2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4: 6: 6) rows in Yarn A.

Cont in Yarn A only.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 8) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. [53 (57: 59: 57: 57: 59: 63: 67: 67: 69) sts]

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

Dec as set on every foll 4th row 5 (4: 5: 6: 7: 10: 10: 10: 11: 11) times.

[41 (47: 47: 43: 41: 37: 41: 45: 43: 45) sts]

And then on every RS row to 11 (11: 11: 11: 13: 13: 13: 13: 15) sts.

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

NECKBAND

Steam pieces to shape and join raglan seams.

Using 3.5mm circular needle and Yarn A pick up and K9 (9: 9: 9: 9:

11: 11: 11: 11: 13) sts across top of left Sleeve, 25 (25: 25: 25: 27:

29: 29: 29: 29) sts down left Front, K1 from holder and use the

safety pin or removable marker to mark this stitch, pick up and K 25

(25: 25: 25: 25: 27: 29: 29: 29: 29) sts up right Front, 9 (9: 9: 9: 11:

11: 11: 11: 13) sts across top of right Sleeve, and 41 (41: 43: 43: 45:

45: 47: 49: 51: 51) sts across Back neck. PM for beg of rnd and cont

working in the rnd.

[110 (110: 112: 112: 114: 122: 128: 130: 132: 136) sts]

Round 1 K1, (P1, K1) to 1 st before centre st, s2kpo, (K1, P1) to end.

[2 sts dec'd]

Round 2 Rib as set to marked stitch, K1, rib to end.

Rep last 2 rnds twice more.

[104 (104: 106: 106: 108: 116: 122: 124: 126: 130) sts]

Cast off in rib to 1 st before marked st, s2kpo, pass second st on right needle over first st, **cast off** in rib to end.

MAKING UP

Sew Sleeve seams and side seams. Weave in ends. Block gently to your chosen measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶





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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m) 1 ball each of
 - Yarn A Grass Green (1821)
 - Yarn B Nigella (2179)
 - Yarn C White (1001)
 - Yarn D Citron (1263)
 - Yarn E Toy (1844)
 - Yarn F Mocha (1064)
 - Yarn G Lobelia (1825)
 - Yarn H Walnut (1054)
 - Yarn J Clementine (1853)
- ☐ Two pairs of 5.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holder
- ☐ Stuffing
- ☐ Removable stitch markers
- ☐ Small amount of black DK yarn

TENSION

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

14 sts and 23 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5.5mm needles with double thickness DK

SIZE

This tea cosy fits a 2-pint teapot or teapot that holds 6 to 8 cups

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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FOOTBALL TEA COSY

Note Divide Yarn A, B and C balls of wool into two balls each so that the yarn can be held double where indicated. If not specified, use a single strand of yarn.

MAIN COSY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 28 sts using 5.5mm needles and double thickness Yarn A.

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

Rows 2 to 6 Rep Row 1.

Rows 7 to 16 Knit.

Break Yarn A and join double thickness Yarn B.

Fold the work up at the back so that the cast-on edge is facing upwards, in line with the sts on the needle.

Row 17 *Using the left-hand needle, pick up the first available loop from the cast-on edge onto left-hand needle and k2tog with the next stitch on needle; rep from * to end. [28 sts]

Rows 18 to 38 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st. ** Cut yarn and leave the sts on a stitch holder.

Work the second Main Cosy from start to **. Proceed to Tea Cosy Top without cutting yarn.

TEA COSY TOP

Using double thickness Yarn B proceed to work across the Main Cosy on the needles, and then Main Cosy on the stitch holder joining them together as follows:

Row 1 *(RS) K5, k2tog 4 times, join Main Cosy from stitch holder, rep from * to end. [48 sts]

Row 2 and every WS row Purl.

Row 3 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. [40 sts]

Row 5 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [32 sts]

Row 7 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end. [24 sts]

Row 9 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [16 sts]

Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [11 sts]

"Football fanatic granddads and dads will love this fun tea cosy knit for Father's Day. There's so much detail to unwrap, but it's easier to knit than you think!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Row 12 (WS) P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

Row 13 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.

Rows 14 to 17 Rep Rows 12 and 13 twice more.

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the front and back WS tog, sew about 8cm from the fastened off point, down the side seam towards the cast-on edge.

At the bottom of each side seam, sew the sides of the tube formed by Yarn A tog, maintaining the tube shape. The holes are left for the teapot handle and spout.

Put the assembled Main Cosy onto the teapot to make the rem pieces easier to attach.

GOAL NET AND POSTS

Cast on 28 sts using 5.5mm needles and **single** thickness Yarn C.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

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

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Row 6 Purl.

Rows 7 to 26 Rep Rows 3 to 6 five more times.

Row 27 K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 28 P2tog, P24, p2tog. [26 sts]
Row 29 K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 30 P2tog, P22, p2tog. [24 sts]
Row 31 K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 32 P2tog, P20, p2tog. [22 sts]
Row 33 K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 34 Purl.
Row 35 K2, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to end.
Row 36 Purl.
Row 37 Cast on 16 sts onto the left-hand needle, K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [38 sts]
Row 38 Cast on 16 sts onto the left-hand needle, purl. [54 sts]
Row 39 K2, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to end.
Row 40 Purl.
Row 41 K1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1.
Rows 42 to 44 Purl, marking each end of Row 44.

Join an additional strand of Yarn C DK and work the following rows with **double** thickness.

Row 45 Knit.
Row 46 Purl.
Row 47 K14, (k2tog) twice, K18, (k2tog) twice, K14. [50 sts]
Row 48 Purl.
Row 49 K14, (kfb) twice, K18, (kfb) twice, K14. [54 sts]
Row 50 Purl.
Row 51 Knit.
Cast off loosely.

Roll a pencil thin sausage shape out of stuffing. With the WS of the Goal facing you, place the stuffing sausage along the double thickness st st section. Fold the cast-off edge over the stuffing, aligning it with the marked Row 44, and sew to form the Goal Posts.

Turn the Goal so the RS is facing you and the cast-on edge is on the bottom. Pin and sew the cast-on edge to the first Yarn B row on the back of the Main Cosy (see photo).

Without stretching the Net, fold the flaps of the Goal (where the extra sts were cast on) over the top of the Cosy. The Net edges of the flaps will align with the spout and handle openings on the front of the Main Cosy. Pin Net along these openings on both sides and sew into place.

Pull the centre front of the Goal Posts forward so that the stuffed top bar of the Goal rests on the second decrease row of the Main Cosy and the Goal Posts run straight down to the Yarn A section. Shape the top corners of the Goal by pinning and sewing into place.

GOALIE BODY

Cast on 14 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Rows 1 to 6 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.
Row 7 P3, p2tog, P4, p2tog, P3. [12 sts]

Break Yarn D and join Yarn A.
Rows 8 to 12 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.
Row 13 K1, (k2tog) twice, K2, (k2tog) twice, K1. [8 sts]
Row 14 P1, p2tog, P2, p2tog, P1. [6 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn E.
Row 15 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [3 sts]
Row 16 Purl.
Row 17 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [6 sts]



Row 18 *P1, pfb; rep from * to end. [9 sts]
Row 19 Kfb, K2, (kfb) 3 times, K2, kfb. [14 sts]
Rows 20 to 22 Starting with a WS Purl row work in st st,
Row 23 K2tog, *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. [9 sts]
Row 24 Purl.
Row 25 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges tog, stuffing the head and Yarn A torso firmly as you go, but half stuffing the Yarn D "shorts." Flatten the Body so that the seam you have just sewn is at the centre back. Leave the bottom edge open.

With a length of black DK embroider the eyes and mouth, and with a length of Yarn E sew a few stitches on top of each other to create a nose.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [4 sts]
Row 2 P3, pfb. [5 sts]
Row 3 Purl.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn E.
Rows 4 to 6 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.
Row 7 K1, sl 2, K2.
Row 8 P2, sl 2, P1.
Rows 9 to 11 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.
Row 12 P2tog, P1, p2tog. [3 sts]
Row 13 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [6 sts]
Row 14 Purl.
Row 15 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]
Row 16 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges



together but don't stuff. Sew the Yarn A ends of the Arms to either side of the Body as if Arms are raised overhead.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 (RS) K2, (kfb) twice, K2. [8 sts]

Rows 2 and 3 Knit.

Row 4 P2, (p2tog) twice, P2. [6 sts]

Break Yarn D and join Yarn C.

Rows 5 to 10 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn A.

Rows 11 and 12 Knit.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn E.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 P2, sl 2, P2.

Row 15 K2, sl 2, K2.

Rows 16 to 20 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

Roll a pea-sized ball of stuffing and put this in the cast-on end of one Leg. With WS tog, sew the row-end edges of the Leg together taking care to line up the colour changes. At the cast-on edge, straighten the foot and sew the cast-on edge closed. Rep for second Leg.

The seams of the Legs should be at the centre back. Push the top 2 rows of the legs up into the Body at the open bottom, and sew opening closed, securing the Legs inside. Sew front and back of Body tog between the Legs to create shorts.

HAIR

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

Rows 1 to 5 Knit.

Row 6 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [7 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together. Place Hair onto the back of the head so that the centre back of the cast-on edge of the Hair rests on the neck of the Goalie. Sew into place.

Pin and sew the Goalie to the Main Cosy to look as if he is diving for the ball to save the goal.

STRIKER

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

Rows 1 to 6 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.

Row 7 P3, p2tog, P4, p2tog, P3. [12 sts]

Break Yarn G and join Yarn C.

Rows 8 to 12 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Row 13 K1, (k2tog) twice, K2, (k2tog) twice, K1. [8 sts]

Row 14 P1, p2tog, P2, p2tog, P1. [6 sts]

Break Yarn C and join Yarn E.

Row 15 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [3 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Row 18 *P1, pfb; rep from * to end. [9 sts]

Row 19 (Kfb) twice, K2, kfb, K2, (kfb) twice. [14 sts]

Rows 20 to 22 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Row 23 K2tog, *K1, k2tog. [9 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

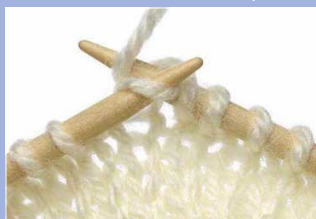
Row 25 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges tog, stuffing the head and Yarn C torso firmly as you go, but half

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



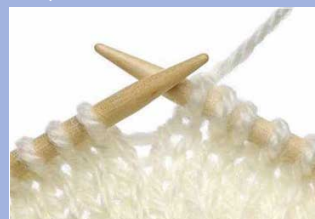
1 Bring the yarn to the front of the needles before you work the next stitch.



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.

stuffing the Yarn G “shorts.” Flatten the Body so that the seam you have just sewn is at the centre **front**. Leave the bottom edge open.

With a length of black DK embroider the eyes and mouth, and with a length of Yarn E sew a few stitches on top of each other to create a nose.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

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

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [4 sts]

Row 2 P3, pfb. [5 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Break Yarn G and join Yarn E.

Rows 4 to 6 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Row 7 K1, sl 2, K2.

Row 8 P2, sl 2, P1.

Rows 9 to 11 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.

Row 12 P2tog, P1, p2tog. [3 sts]

Row 13 *Kfb; rep from * to end. [6 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K2tog, K2, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 16 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together but don't stuff. Sew the Yarn G ends of Arms to either side of the Body in a downward position.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.

Row 1 (RS) kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]

Rows 2 and 3 Knit.

Row 4 (WS) P2tog, P4, p2tog. [6 sts]

Break Yarn G and join Yarn C.

Rows 5 to 9 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn G.

Rows 10 and 11 Knit.

Break Yarn G and join Yarn E.

Row 13 Knit.

Row 14 Sl 1, P4, sl 1.

Row 15 Sl 1, K4, sl 1.

Rows 16 to 20 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

Roll a pea-sized ball of stuffing and put this in the cast-on end of one Leg. With WS tog, sew the row-end edges of the Leg together taking care to line up the colour changes. At the cast-on edge, straighten the foot and sew the cast-on edge closed. Rep for second Leg.

The seams of the Legs should be at the centre **front**. Push the top 2 rows of the legs up into the Body at the open bottom, and sew opening closed, securing the Legs inside. Sew front and back of Body tog between the Legs to create shorts.

HAIR

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

Rows 1 to 4 Starting with a RS Knit row, work in st st.

Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [7 sts]

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



WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together. Pull the Hair onto the back of the head so that the centre back of the cast-on edge of the Hair rests on the neck of the Striker. Sew into place.

Pin and sew the Striker on the opposite side of the Goal from the Goalie, arranging his Arms and Legs to look like he's just kicked the Football.

FOOTBALL

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn J.

Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end. [10 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting with a WS Purl row, work in st st.

Row 5 *K2tog; rep from * to end. [5 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten. With the WS facing and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together, stuffing as you go. Sew a row of running stitches along the cast-on edge and draw-up to close. Pin and sew the Football to the Goal. 

SNUGGLE SHADES

Colour block makes a bold statement with this chunky-striped baby blanket in compostable polyester. By **Irene Handmadepast**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- Scheepjes Kindsome (sportweight, 60% wool, 40% compostable polyester; 50g/150m) 2 balls of each
- Yarn A** Rich Soil (706)
- Yarn B** Earthy Beige (704)
- Yarn C** Vintage Rose (708)
- Yarn D** Pumpkin Patch (712)
- Yarn E** Pollen (711)

- A 3mm circular needle, 80cm long

TENSION

28 sts and 41 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

66x88cm (26x34½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists visit Scheepjes www.scheepjes.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

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

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BABY BLANKET

Note Blanket is worked back and forth in rows.

BLANKET

Cast on 180 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) (P1, K1) to end.

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

Work a further 19 rows in moss stitch as set.

Row 22 (K1, P1) 6 times, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 23 (P1, K1) 6 times, P to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Work a further 26 rows as set by Rows 22 and 23.

Row 50 (K1, P1) 6 times, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 51 (P1, K1) 6 times, P12, (K12, P12) to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Work a further 22 rows as set by Rows 50 and 51.

Row 74 (K1, P1) 6 times using Yarn A, break Yarn A and change to

Yarn B, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 75 (P1, K1) 6 times, P12, (K12, P12) to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 76 (K1, P1) 6 times, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Work a further 20 rows as set by Rows 75 and 76.

Row 97 (P1, K1) 6 times, P to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 98 (K1, P1) 6 times, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Work a further 47 rows as set by Rows 97 and 98.

Row 146 (K1, P1) 6 times using Yarn B, break Yarn B and change to Yarn C, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 147 (P1, K1) 6 times, P to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 148 (K1, P1) 6 times, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Work a further 45 rows as set by Rows 147 and 148.

Row 194 (K1, P1) 6 times, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 195 (P1, K1) 6 times, P12, (K12, P12) to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Work a further 22 rows as set by Rows 194 and 195.

Row 218 (K1, P1) 6 times using Yarn C, break Yarn C and change to Yarn D, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 219 (P1, K1) 6 times, P12, (K12, P12) to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 220 (K1, P1) 6 times, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Work a further 21 rows as set by Rows 219 and 220.

Row 242 (K1, P1) 6 times, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 243 (P1, K1) 6 times, P to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Work a further 46 rows as set by Rows 242 and 243.

Row 290 (K1, P1) 6 times using Yarn D, break Yarn D and change to Yarn E, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 291 (P1, K1) 6 times, P to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Row 292 (K1, P1) 6 times, K to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Work a further 25 rows as set by Rows 291 and 292.

Row 318 (K1, P1) 6 times, K12, (P12, K12) to last 12 sts, (K1, P1) 6 times.

Row 319 (P1, K1) 6 times, P12, (K12, P12) to last 12 sts, (P1, K1) 6 times.

Work a further 22 rows as set by Rows 318 and 319.

Row 342 (K1, P1) to end.

Row 343 (P1, K1) to end.

Work a further 20 rows as set by rows 342 and 343.

Cast off all sts.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block to measurements. 🧶



KING COLE ETERNITY

Eternity is a lightweight yarn that beautifully combines the warmth of wool, the softness of alpaca, and the durability of polyamide. This balanced blend creates a yarn that is both comfortable and practical, making it a pleasure to knit with. The finished fabric has a lovely drape and a cosy feel, perfect for garments and accessories you'll reach for again and again.

RRP £4.99 **WEIGHT** DK **NEEDLE** 4mm
BALL 50g/180m **CONTENT** 70% Extra fine Merino wool, 18% polyamide, 12% alpaca **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.kingcole.com



STYLECRAFT COTTON TWIST

Kickstart your summer knits with Stylecraft Cotton Twist, a fresh addition to the Stylecraft range. This yarn offers beautiful stitch definition, making it perfect for showing off textured patterns, lace details, and simple summer designs alike. With eight on-trend shades, Cotton Twist will help you to create pieces that are both comfortable and effortlessly fashionable.

RRP £4.19 **WEIGHT** DK **NEEDLE** 4mm
BALL 100g/210m **CONTENT** 50% cotton, 50% premium acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, tumble dry
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



ROWAN BABY CASHSOFT WORSTED

Baby Cashsoft Worsted is pure luxury in yarn form. Wonderfully soft to the touch, it creates fabrics that feel gentle and comfortable, making it an excellent choice for delicate skin. The yarn knits up smoothly, perfect for knitting thoughtful baby gifts, it also works beautifully for everyday garments that need both softness and durability.

RRP £7.30 **WEIGHT** Worsted **NEEDLE** 5mm **BALL** 50g/75m **CONTENT** 57% wool 33%, acrylic, 10% cashmere **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.knitrowan.com

The latest yarns

We've cherry picked our favourite new yarns this month so you can choose from alpaca, cotton and so much more



CYGNET YARNS FESTIVAL

If you like big balls of yarn, Festival is sure to impress! With a massive 480 metres on a single ball, this loose-spun, variegated yarn is perfect for larger aran-weight projects. The changing colours create beautiful interest as you knit. With eight vibrant shades in the range, you can easily pick a colourway that gets you festival ready for the summer.

RRP £10.99 **WEIGHT** Worsted/aran **NEEDLE** 4-5mm **BALL** 200g/480m **CONTENT** 100% premium acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.cygnetyarns.com



LANG YARNS COTTON TWEED

Lang Yarns Cotton Tweed is right on trend for this summer, bringing effortless style to your cool knits. The subtle tweed flecks add depth and character, making even simple designs feel special. With 21 seasonal shades to choose from for lightweight tops, and accessories, it's the perfect choice for stylish summer projects with a contemporary feel.

RRP £10.49 **WEIGHT** Aran **NEEDLE** 3.5-4 mm **BALL** 50g/130m **CONTENT** 67% cotton, 24% silk, 9% polyester **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.knitmcintosh.com



HOBBII, COPENHAGEN FIBERS MERINO LIGHT

Copenhagen Fibers is a fresh new yarn brand from Hobbii, offering 29 shades inspired by the iconic sights of Copenhagen. Soft, versatile, and easy to work with, it's ideal for elegant, wearable pieces with a subtle modern palette. Whether you're knitting stylish layers or light children's garments, Merino Light delivers inspiration and quality.

RRP £6 **WEIGHT** 4ply **NEEDLE** 3.5mm **BALL** 50g/235m **CONTENT** 100% Merino wool **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.hobbii.co.uk

SUMMER SCENE

Delicate detailing gives this cardigan an effortlessly cool, understated feel – perfect for chilled-out days. By **Annika Andrea Wolke** for Rowan



* CROPPED CARDIGAN



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Summerlite 4ply (100% cotton, 50g/175m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 2.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles
- ☐ A set of 2.5mm circular needles at least 120cm long
- ☐ 3 buttons, 20mm diameter

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

p2sso Pass 2 slipped sts over

sl2togK Slip next 2 sts together as though to k2tog

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ Little Wool Shop
01495 239416
www.littlewoolshop.com
- ☐ The Orry Mill
07737020726
www.theorrymill.co.uk



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CROPPED CARDIGAN

Note When working patt from charts, take care to ensure each dec of patt is matched by an inc. If there are insufficient sts to work both, work end sts of rows in st st.

BACK

Cast on 121 (135: 149: 163: 177: 191: 205: 219: 233) sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) P1, *K1tbl, P1, rep from * to end.

Row 2 K1, *P1tbl, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form twisted rib.

Cont in twisted rib until work meas 4cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 7 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) P2tog, (P5, p2tog) 17 (19: 21: 23: 25: 27: 29: 31: 33) times. [103 (115: 127: 139: 151: 163: 175: 187: 199) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required and beg and ending rows as indicated, repeating the 8-st patt repeat 12 (14: 14: 16: 18: 20: 20: 22: 24) times across each row, cont in patt from Body Chart as folls:

Work all 26 rows of Body Chart, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and cont using Yarn A only.

Next row (RS) Inc in first st, (K5, inc in next st) 17 (19: 21: 23: 25: 27: 29: 31: 33) times. [121 (135: 149: 163: 177: 191: 205: 219: 233) sts]

Beg with a purl row, complete Back in st st as folls:

Cont straight until Back meas 24.5 (25.5: 26: 26.5: 27: 27.5: 27.5: 28.5: 28.5)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 14: 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[109 (121: 133: 145: 157: 169: 181: 191: 203) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (7: 7: 9: 9: 11: 11: 13: 15) rows, then on foll 5 (6: 9: 9: 11: 10: 14: 15: 16) alt rows.

[89 (95: 101: 109: 117: 127: 131: 135: 141) 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** 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16) sts, K until there are 19 (20: 22: 24: 27: 30: 31: 32: 34) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row, and AT THE SAME TIME **cast off** 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16) sts at beg of 2nd row.

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

With RS facing, slip centre 35 (37: 37: 39: 39: 41: 41: 41: 41) sts onto a holder (for front band), rejoin yarn and K to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 61 (67: 75: 81: 89: 95: 103: 109: 117) sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) *P1, K1tbl, rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 2 K1, *P1tbl, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form twisted rib.

Cont in twisted rib until work meas 4cm, inc 0 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1: 0: 1: 0) st at end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[61 (68: 75: 82: 89: 96: 103: 110: 117) sts]

Change to 3mm needles.

**Beg with a K row, work in st st for 7 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) P2, p2tog, (P5, p2tog) 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16) times, P1. [52 (58: 64: 70: 76: 82: 88: 94: 100) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required and beg and ending rows as indicated, repeating the 8-st patt repeat 5 (6: 6: 7: 8: 9: 9: 10: 11) times across each row, cont in patt from Body Chart as folls:

Work all 26 rows of Chart, ending with RS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and cont 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	86.5	96.5	106.5	116.5	126.5	136.5	146.5	156.5	166.5
	in	34	38	42	45½	49½	53½	57½	61½	65½
LENGTH	cm	45	47	49	51	53	55	56	58	59
	in	17¾	18½	19¼	20	20¾	21¼	22	22¾	23¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	34	35	35	36	36	36	36	36	36
	in	13½	13¾	13¾	14¼	14¼	14¼	14¼	14¼	14¼
YARN		Rowan Summerlite 4ply (50g/175m)								
Yarn A Washed Linen (418)		5	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	10
Yarn B Mint (451)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Mustard (455)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Pale (452)		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

KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ☒ P on RS; K on WS
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- ☒ Sl1, K1, pssso on RS; P2tog tbl on WS
- ☒ K2tog on RS; P2tog on WS
- ☒ Yfwd on RS; Yrn on WS
- ☒ Sl2togK, K1, p2sso on RS; Sl1 wyif, p2tog tbl, pssso on WS
- ☒ Repeat

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

Next row (RS) K2, inc in next st, (K5, inc in next st) 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16) times, K1. [61 (68: 75: 82: 89: 96: 103: 110: 117) sts]
 Beg with a purl row, complete Left Front in st st as folls:
 Cont straight until 20 rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Dec 1 st at end of next and foll 3 (3: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0) alt rows, then on 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 4) foll 4th rows.
 [54 (61: 70: 77: 84: 91: 98: 105: 112) sts]
 Work 1 (1: 3: 3: 3: 3: 3: 3) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 14: 15) sts at beg and dec 0 (0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1) st at end of next row. [48 (54: 61: 67: 73: 79: 85: 90: 96) sts]
 Work 1 row.
 Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 5 (7: 7: 9: 9: 11: 11: 13: 15) rows, then on foll 5 (6: 9: 9: 11: 10: 14: 15: 16) alt rows and AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at front slope edge of next (next: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 7: 9: 9: 7) foll 4th rows, then on 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 2) foll 6th rows.
 [34 (36: 39: 42: 45: 50: 50: 52: 55) sts]
 Dec 1 st at front slope edge only on 2nd (2nd: 2nd: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 2nd: 2nd) and 8 (8: 8: 8: 4: 4: 0: 0: 0) foll 4th rows, then on 0 (0: 0: 0: 3: 4: 6: 6: 6) foll 6th rows, then on foll 8th row.
 [24 (26: 29: 32: 36: 40: 42: 44: 47) sts]
 Cont straight until Left Front matches Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

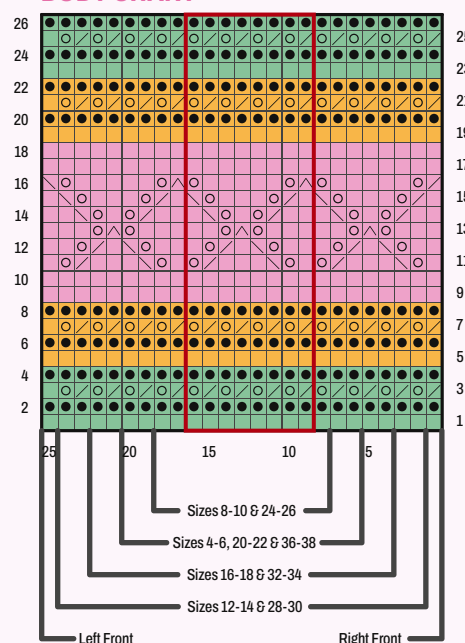
SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

Cast off 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15: 16) sts at beg of next and following alt row.
 Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 8 (8: 9: 10: 12: 14: 14: 14: 15) sts.

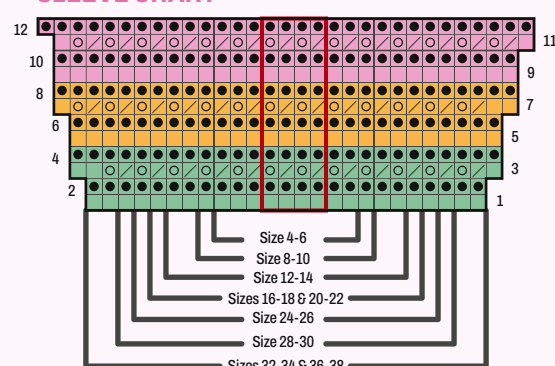
RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 61 (67: 75: 81: 89: 95: 103: 109: 117) sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A.

BODY CHART



SLEEVE CHART



* CROPPED CARDIGAN

Row 1 (RS) K1, *K1tbl, P1, rep from * to end.

Row 2 K1, *P1tbl, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form twisted rib.

Cont in twisted rib until work meas 4cm, inc 0 (1: 0: 0: 1: 0: 1: 0: 0) st at beg of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[61 (68: 75: 82: 89: 96: 103: 110: 117) sts]

Change to 3mm needles and complete to match Left Front from **, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 65 (67: 71: 73: 73: 75: 75: 79: 79) sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in twisted rib as given for Back for 4cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3mm needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 7 rows, inc 1 st at each end of 5th (5th: 5th: 5th: 5th: 5th: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1: 1: 1) foll 4th row and ending with WS facing for next row.

[67 (69: 73: 75: 75: 77: 79: 83: 83) sts]

Next row (WS) P1 (2: 4: 5: 5: 6: 7: 9: 9), p2tog, (P5, p2tog) 9 times, P1 (2: 4: 5: 5: 6: 7: 9: 9). [57 (59: 63: 65: 65: 67: 69: 73: 73) sts]

Joining in and breaking off colours as required and beg and ending rows as indicated, repeating the 4-st patt repeat 13 times across each row, cont in patt from Chart for Sleeve as follows:

Inc 1 st at each end of 3rd (3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: next: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and 1 (1: 1: 1: 1: 2: 2: 2: 2) foll 6th (6th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) rows, taking inc sts into patt.

[61 (63: 67: 69: 69: 73: 75: 79: 79) sts]

Work 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 3: 1: 1: 1) rows, ending after Chart Row 12 and with RS facing for next row.

Break off contrasts and cont using Yarn A only.

Next row (RS) (Inc in first st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 1: 0: 0: 0) times, K3 (4: 6: 7: 7: 8: 10: 12: 12), inc in next st, (K5, inc in next st) 9 times, K3 (4: 6: 7: 7: 8: 10: 12: 12), (inc in last st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 1: 0: 0: 0) times.

[71 (73: 77: 79: 79: 85: 85: 89: 89) sts]

Beg with a purl row, complete Sleeve in st st as follows:

Inc 1 st at each end of 2nd (2nd: 2nd: 2nd: 2nd: 4th: 2nd: 2nd: 2nd) and 11 (11: 9: 7: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0) foll 6th rows, then on 4 (5: 8: 12: 21: 22: 21: 20: 18) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 3: 5: 9) alt rows.

[103 (107: 113: 119: 125: 131: 135: 141: 145) sts]

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [Sleeve should meas approx 34 (35: 35: 36: 36: 36: 36: 36: 36)cm.]

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 6 (7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 14: 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[91 (93: 97: 101: 105: 109: 111: 113: 115) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll alt row, then on 4 foll 4th rows. [75 (77: 81: 85: 89: 93: 95: 97: 99) sts]

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 63 sts rem, then on foll 11 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [41 sts]

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 4 rows.

Cast off rem 21 sts.

MAKING UP

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

FRONT BAND

With RS facing, using 2.5mm circular needle and Yarn A, beg and ending at Front cast-on edges, pick up and knit 58 (60: 62: 64: 66: 66: 66: 70: 70) sts up Right Front opening edge to beg of front slope shaping, 74 (77: 81: 86: 91: 95: 98: 101: 104) sts up Right Front slope, and 3 sts down right side of Back neck, K across 35 (37: 37: 39: 39: 41: 41: 41: 41) sts on Back holder, then pick up and knit 3 sts up left side of Back neck, 74 (77: 81: 86: 91: 95: 98: 101: 104) sts down Left Front slope to beg of front slope shaping, and 58 (60: 62: 64: 66: 66: 66: 70: 70) sts down Left Front opening edge. [305 (317: 329: 345: 359: 369: 375: 389: 395) sts]

Row 1 (WS) K1, *P1tbl, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2 K1, K1tbl, *P1, K1tbl, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form twisted rib.

Work in twisted rib for a further 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 6 (RS) Rib 6, ***cast off** 2 sts (to make a buttonhole – **cast on** 2 sts over these cast-off sts on next row), rib until there are 22 (23: 24: 25: 26: 26: 26: 28: 28) sts on right needle after cast-off, rep from * once more, **cast off** 2 sts (to make 3rd buttonhole – **cast on** 2 sts over these cast-off sts on next row), rib to end.

Cont in twisted rib for a further 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off loosely in rib.

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. 🧶

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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EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Big Value Chunky (100% acrylic, 100g/152m) 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Sweet Pea (3492)
- Yarn B** Sugar Pink (3490)
- Yarn C** Blue (0824)
- Yarn D** Basil (3489)
- Yarn E** Rose (1542)
- Yarn F** Caramel (0546)
- Yarn G** Moss (0548)
- Yarn H** Green (0833)
- Yarn J** Spice (3282)
- Yarn K** Red (0553)
- Yarn L** Purple (3105)

Yarn M Orange (0144)

Yarn N Navy (0550)

Yarn O Sea Breeze (3493)

Yarn P Yellow (0828)

- ☐ A pair of 6mm needles
- ☐ A 6mm circular needle, 80cm long
- ☐ Stitch marker
- ☐ Sewing threads to match Yarns G, H, J, K and P
- ☐ Two sheets of felt, 30x23cm
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ 3 press studs, 1cm

Yarns used in this part of the KAL

Yarn A Sweet Pea (3492)

Yarn B Sugar Pink (3490)

Yarn C Blue (0824)

Yarn D Basil (3489)

Yarn E Rose (1542)

Yarn F Caramel (0546)

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Game board 76x70cm (30x27½in)

Die 11.5x11.5x11.5cm (4½x4½x4½in)

Counters 10cm (4in) diameter

Storage pouch 45.5x41.5cm (18x16.5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

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This issue we're excited to bring you the first part of our Snakes and Ladders Knit-Along. It's playful, tactile, and full of charm and fun. Our wonderfully unique KAL features pretty pastel colour squares, 3D snakes and ladders, plus counters and a die, all designed for soft playtimes. Across four issues we'll reveal each new section for you to knit as it arrives. Or, if you prefer, wait until every part is released and create it all together. Make sure you email us with your finished knits!

"Snakes and ladders is a well-loved childhood game and this soft, knitted version will make a great addition to your outdoor picnics this summer."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



SNAKES AND LADDERS GAME

Notes The playing board is made by knitting 6 columns, which are then joined, and a separate border added.

COLUMN 1

Cast on 18 sts using 6mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 22 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break off Yarn A.

Join in Yarn B and starting on a RS knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Break off Yarn B.

Join in Yarn C and starting on a RS knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Break off Yarn C.

Join in Yarn D and starting on a RS knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Break off Yarn D.

Join in Yarn E and starting on a RS knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Break off Yarn E.

Join in Yarn A and starting on a RS knit row, work 22 rows in st st.

Cast off.

COLUMN 2

Work in the same way as Column 1, but using the following yarn sequence:

Yarn B, Yarn E, Yarn A, Yarn B, Yarn C, Yarn D.

COLUMN 3

Work in the same way as Column 1, but using the following yarn sequence:

Yarn D, Yarn C, Yarn B, Yarn E, Yarn A, Yarn E.





COLUMN 4

Work in the same way as Column 1, but using the following yarn sequence:

Yarn E, Yarn A, Yarn C, Yarn D, Yarn B, Yarn C.

COLUMN 5

Work in the same way as Column 1, but using the following yarn sequence:

Yarn C, Yarn D, Yarn E, Yarn A, Yarn D, Yarn B.

COLUMN 6

Work in the same way as Column 1, but using the following yarn sequence:

Yarn A, Yarn B, Yarn D, Yarn C, Yarn E, Yarn A.

MAKING UP

Using mattress stitch, join Column 2 to Column 1, matching colour changes. Join the remaining columns in sequence using photo as a guide.

SIDE BORDERS (BOTH ALIKE)

Using the long-tail method, **cast on** 108 sts using 6mm needles and Yarn F.

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

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

These 2 rows form rib.

Work 3 more rows in rib.

Cast off in rib from WS.

TOP/BOTTOM BORDERS (BOTH ALIKE)

Using the long-tail method, **cast on** 120 sts using 6mm needles and Yarn F.

Work 5 rows in rib as given for Side Borders.

Cast off in rib from WS.

FINISHING

Using Yarn F, mattress stitch the Side Borders to Columns 1 and 6, then stitch Top and Bottom Borders in place along top/bottom of Columns and Side Borders. Block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band and weave in all ends. 🧶



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QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Careful stuffing is key to getting a good finish for your toy

PEEK-A-BOO STUFFING

Q I decided to knit a toy elephant for my niece, but after stuffing it, the stuffing peeks through the stitches. Should I have used smaller needles?

Michelle Thorne

Toys often benefit from a tighter gauge than garments. Even if the pattern suggests a needle size, it's often wise to go down one or two sizes to create a dense fabric that contains stuffing neatly. Pay particular attention to inc/dec points, as those areas can open up slightly. Avoid overfilling; too much stuffing stretches the stitches apart. For your current elephant, you might be able to gently redistribute or remove a little stuffing to reduce strain on those stitches. **Kirstie**

FAILING FLOATS

Q I'm working stranded colourwork mittens, and the floats inside are either too tight or so loose that my fingers catch on them. I've tried relaxing my hands, but I can't seem to get a happy medium. What am I missing?

T Cronin

Stranded knitting is really about spacing. After every few stitches, spread the stitches out fully along your right needle before carrying the float across. This ensures the float is long enough to accommodate the fabric when it stretches over your hand. For mittens especially, turn the work inside out occasionally — this forces you to work along the outer curve and naturally lengthens colour floats. If your pattern has long gaps between colour changes, "catch" the float midway to anchor it without tightening. It takes practice, but consistency improves quickly once you focus on stitch spacing rather than hand tension. **Sophie**

LEANING LINEN

Q I'm knitting a linen summer top, and no matter how evenly I knit, the fabric looks skewed — almost biasing to one side. Will blocking fix this?

Sienna Morgan

Linen and linen blends are notorious for biasing, particularly in stockinette. This happens because of how the yarn is spun and how knit stitches lean. The good news is that linen responds beautifully to blocking. A proper wet block — soaking, gently squeezing out water, then laying flat and patting into shape — often corrects much of

the skewing. Linen also softens and relaxes with wear, so the fabric will settle over time. If the bias is dramatic, alternating skeins or incorporating a subtle textured stitch can help counteract the lean in future projects.

Jen



Try a textured stitch for your linen knits



Getting your floats neat is all about spacing



DYE-LOT DILEMMA

Q I'm halfway through a patterned baby cardigan and just realised my dye lot changed between skeins. The difference is subtle but noticeable in daylight. Is there any way to disguise it without ripping back?

Hayley-Jade Dando

You may not need to undo your work. Start alternating the two skeins every two rows for the remainder of the project. This blending technique softens the transition and makes the shift appear gradual rather than abrupt. If the contrast line is already formed, consider adding a small design element — perhaps a contrasting stripe or dotting — to make it look intentional. In smaller garments like baby cardigans, subtle shifts often disappear once the piece is washed and worn. **Cory**

CABLE CHAOS

Q I'm trying to knit a cabled scarf using a soft chunky Merino wool, but the cables keep looking loose and sloppy, even though my tension feels consistent elsewhere. Is there a trick to making cables look crisp without tightening the whole piece too much?

Toni W

This can sometimes happen with a soft, springy yarn like Merino, especially when it's chunky. The trick is to use a slightly smaller needle just for the cable sections — this can help the stitches pull together neatly without tightening your whole row. You can also block your scarf gently afterward; cables often spring into a much cleaner shape once soaked and pinned. Remember, cables are meant to "breathe," so don't panic if they're not razor-sharp straight off the needles. A few practice swatches will help you find the right balance for your cables. Over time, you'll also notice that your tension becomes more consistent, which naturally makes cables look crisper and more defined in your finished fabric. **Kirstie**



Practice makes perfect when it comes to cables

MEEK STEEKING

Q I'm knitting my first steeked cardi and I'm terrified of cutting into it. The yarn is a non-superwash wool, but it feels smoother than I expected. How can I make sure it won't unravel?

Sam Harvey

Your instinct to check the fibre is good. Non-superwash wool usually has enough "grab" to hold after cutting, but smoother wools benefit from reinforcement. Before cutting, secure the steek with either a line of crochet chains or a sewing machine stitch on both sides of the steek column. Once reinforced, cut slowly up the centre with sharp scissors. It feels dramatic, but if reinforced properly, the fabric will remain stable and secure. **Jen**



Make your steek nice and secure before cutting

SOFT BUT UNSTABLE

Q I'm knitting a ribbed hat in alpaca, and after a few hours of wear, the brim stretches out and doesn't bounce back. Is alpaca unsuitable for ribbing?

Akin D

Alpaca has very little memory compared to wool, which means it doesn't spring back into shape. You can improve structure by holding the alpaca together with a wool or elastic thread, or by working the brim on needles one or two sizes smaller. Another trick is to knit a folded brim, doubling the fabric for extra resilience. Alpaca is wonderfully soft and warm, but for fitted areas like hat brims, blending it with wool gives much better elasticity. **Sophie**



Mix alpaca with other yarns for more stability

3 WAYS TO BETTER BUTTON BANDS

Try **Jen Bartlett's** top tips for fabulous fastenings

1 Pick up stitches with precision

Don't guess your pick ups. Calculate your pickup ratio based on row gauge — typically three stitches for every four rows along vertical edges. An uneven pick-up rate causes flaring or pulling, no matter how neat your knitting is.



2 Stabilise before you knit

Button bands stretch because they carry weight. Work the band on needles one size smaller, or reinforce the edge with a crochet chain or slip-stitch selvedge, before picking up stitches. For drapey fibres, consider sewing in fine elastic after you've completed your garment.



3 Choose the right cast-off

A standard bind-off may not give you the finish you want. For ribbed bands, use a tubular or sewn bind-off to maintain elasticity and polish. For structured cardigans, a firm traditional bind-off provides stability. Match the finish to the garment's intended drape and use.



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LEO THE LOUNGER

Brighten up bedtimes with this gorgeous pillow pal! He loves his best mate to snuggle up with him at night time. By **Amanda Berry**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
- 2 balls of
- Yarn A** Cornfield (574)
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn B** Cream (812)
- Yarn C** Black (965)
- Yarn D** Burnt Orange (647)
- ☐ Hayfield Bonus Super Chunky (100% acrylic, 100g/82m)
- 1 ball of
- Yarn E** Burnt Orange (647)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 10mm needles
- ☐ Lockable stitch markers
- ☐ A stitch holder
- ☐ Toy filling 200g (to stuff the nose, tail and legs)
- ☐ Two 8mm domed half shank black buttons for pupils
- ☐ Black cotton thread and sewing needle
- ☐ A cylindrical bolster cushion pad 41cm long x 15cm diameter (16x6in) for the body

TENSION

DK yarn

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

Super chunky yarn

9 sts and 12 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over loop stitch using 10mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

Loop stitch Knit into the stitch, but do not allow the original stitch to fall off the LH needle. Bring the yarn forward between the tips of the needles to the front. Stretch out your left thumb so that it is in front of the knitting and wrap the yarn around and under it keeping it relatively loose. Take the yarn back between the tips of the needles to the back keeping it wrapped around your thumb. Knit into the same stitch again on the LH needle and drop the original stitch off the LH needle. Take your thumb out of the loop. Insert the LH needle into the front of the two stitches on the RH needle and knit the 2 sts tog

For a full list see page 79

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



"I love a fun bolster cushion! From sausage dogs to sticks of rock, they always bring a smile to my face. This one by top designer Amanda Berry is my new favourite!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



LION CUSHION

Casting on and off Unless otherwise specified, use a regular knitted cast on/off for all pieces.

Sewing seams Use mattress stitch to sew the seams unless otherwise instructed.

Cushion inner pad The lion's body covers a cylindrical bolster cushion pad. The knitted cover will stretch, so if your cushion inner pad is of slightly different dimensions to the one recommended the knitted cover should still stretch to fit it comfortably. If you cannot source a bolster cushion pad, you can stuff the body of the lion with toy filling instead.

Couching embroidery stitch This technique is used to add the mouth and eyes and uses 2 threads. Black DK yarn is laid on the surface in the required shape, and a black cotton thread (the couching thread) is used to secure it with small stitches over the laid yarn at even intervals to hold it in place.

LION BODY (MAKE 1)

Start at the bottom end.

Cast on 11 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 and all foll WS rows Purl.

Row 3 K1, (kfb, K1) 9 times, K1. [20 sts]

Row 5 K1, (kfb, K1) 9 times, K1. [29 sts]

Row 7 K1, (kfb, K2) 9 times, K1. [38 sts]

Row 9 K1, (kfb, K3) 9 times, K1. [47 sts]

Row 11 K1, (kfb, K4) 9 times, K1. [56 sts]

Row 13 K1, (kfb, K5) 9 times, K1. [65 sts]

Row 15 K1, (kfb, K6) 9 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 17 K1, (kfb, K7) 9 times, K1. [83 sts]

Row 19 K1, (kfb, K8) 9 times, K1. [92 sts]

Row 21 K1, (kfb, K9) 9 times, K1. [101 sts]

Row 23 K1, (kfb, K10) 9 times, K1. [110 sts]

Row 25 K1, (kfb, K11) 9 times, K1. [119 sts]

Rows 26 to 138 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st and mark the sts at each end of Rows 26 and 138 as a guide for making up.

Row 139 K1, (k2tog, K11) 9 times, K1. [110 sts]

Row 141 K1, (k2tog, K10) 9 times, K1. [101 sts]

Row 143 K1, (k2tog, K9) 9 times, K1. [92 sts]

Row 145 K1, (k2tog, K8) 9 times, K1. [83 sts]

Row 147 K1, (k2tog, K7) 9 times, K1. [74 sts]

Row 149 K1, (k2tog, K6) 9 times, K1. [65 sts]

Row 151 K1, (k2tog, K5) 9 times, K1. [56 sts]

Row 153 K1, (k2tog, K4) 9 times, K1. [47 sts]

Row 155 K1, (k2tog, K3) 9 times, K1. [38 sts]

Row 157 K1, (k2tog, K2) 9 times, K1. [29 sts]

Row 159 K1, (k2tog, K1) 9 times, K1. [20 sts]

Row 161 K1, (k2tog) 9 times, K1. [11 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

LION MUZZLE (MAKE 1)

Start at the bottom edge.

***Cast on** 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 4 to 9 Rep Rows 2 and 3 another 3 times. [16 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Break Yarn B*. Transfer the 16 sts onto a stitch holder for the first muzzle bottom bump. Rep from * to * above for the second muzzle bottom bump. Transfer the held 16 sts from the holder onto the same needle with the RS of both bump pieces facing you, 32 sts in total. Rejoin Yarn B and work across all 32 sts to join the top of the muzzle.

Row 13 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K11, ssk) twice, K1. [28 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K1, (k2tog, K9, ssk) twice, K1. [24 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

Row 17 K1, (k2tog, K7, ssk) twice, K1. [20 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn C.

Row 18 and all foll WS rows Purl.

Row 19 K1, (k2tog, K5, ssk) twice, K1. [16 sts]

Row 21 K1, (k2tog, K3, ssk) twice, K1. [12 sts]

Row 23 K1, (k2tog, K1, ssk) twice, K1. [8 sts]

Row 25 (K2tog, ssk) twice. [4 sts]

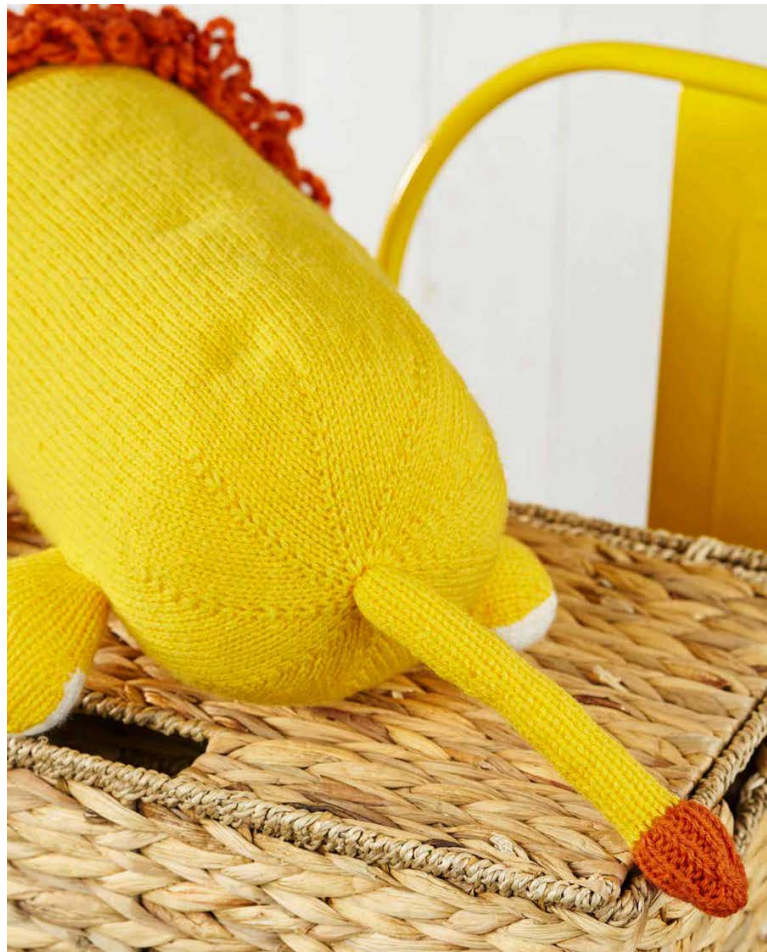
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

LION EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at the back head edge.

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 and 2 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st.



Row 3 (RS) K1, kfb, K6, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Rows 4 to 6 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 7 K1, k2tog, K6, ssk, K1. [10 sts]

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 Rep Row 3. [12 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 13 Rep Row 7. [10 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Cast off.

LION LEGS (MAKE 4)

Start at the top body edge.

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

Rows 1 to 12 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st.

Row 13 (RS) (K1, kfb, K3, kfb, K1) twice. [18 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

Row 15 K1, (kfb, K4) 3 times, kfb, K1. [22 sts]

Rows 16 to 22 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 23 K1, (k2tog, K4) twice, ssk, K4, ssk, K1. [18 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 K1, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K2, ssk, K3, ssk, K1. [14 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 (K1, k2tog) twice, K2, (ssk, K1) twice. [10 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Row 28 Purl.

Row 29 K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rows 30 to 33 Rep Rows 28 and 29 twice more. [16 sts]

Rows 34 to 42 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Row 43 K1, k2tog, K10, ssk, K1. [14 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Rows 44 to 54 Beg on a WS purl row work in st st.

Cast off.



LION EYES (MAKE 2)

Start at the outer edge.

Cast on 18 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B, using the longtail cast on for a stretchy edge,

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

LION TAIL (MAKE 1)

Start at the body edge.

Cast on 13 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 to 45 Beg on a RS knit row work in st st.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn D.

Row 46 (WS) Purl.

Row 47 K1, (kfb, K1) 6 times. [19 sts]

Row 48 (P1, K1) 9 times, P1.

Row 49 (K1, P1) 9 times, K1.

Rows 50 to 53 Rep Rows 48 and 49 twice more.

Row 54 (P1, K1, p2tog) 4 times, P1, K1, P1. [15 sts]

Row 55 K1, (P1, k2tog) 4 times, P1, K1. [11 sts]

Row 56 (P1, K1) 5 times, P1.

Row 57 (K1, P1) 5 times, K1.

Row 58 (P2tog) 5 times, P1. [6 sts]

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

LION MANE (MAKE 1)

Start at the bottom edge.

Cast on 5 sts using 10mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (RS) (Loop stitch) 5 times.

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Rows 3 to 52 Rep Rows 1 and 2 another 25 times.

Row 53 (Loop stitch) 5 times.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Face Take the lion's Body piece, gather the cast-off sts tog and sew tog the side edges from the cast-off edge to marked Row 138. This section is the lion's face, note that the seam runs from the centre of the face to the chin. Add the features to the face now so that you can access the back of the knitted piece to secure any yarns or threads. Place the Muzzle piece over the front of the face, with the top of the Yarn C nose positioned 2cm above the gathered cast-off sts of the body, sew the Muzzle's open side edges and cast-on edges onto the face, adding a little toy filling under the Muzzle as you sew to pad it out.

Eyes For each Eye, sew the side edges tog to make a circle and sew a black button slightly off-centre for the pupil. Then use Yarn B to sew each Eye onto the face above the Muzzle, catching a stitch on the Eye's cast-on edge to a stitch on the lion's face all the way round. Use couching stitch embroidery with Yarn C to add the mouth and outer eyes, using the pictures as a guide.

Body Wrap the knitted piece around the bolster cushion pad to enclose the pad inside the Body as you seam. Continue to sew the side edges tog from Row 138 to the cast-on end, lining up the marked rows and removing the markers. Gather the cast-on sts tog at the bottom end.

Mane Oversew the cast-on/off edges tog to make a ring shape, place over the front end of the Body, and with Yarn D sew the front side edge of the Mane onto the Body catching a knitted stitch on the Body to the chunky yarn on the Mane all the way round. Only the front edge of the Mane is sewn onto the Body.

Ears Fold each Ear in half matching up cast-on and off edges. Sew side edges tog and sew the cast-on/off edges onto top of the Body in front of Mane.

Tail Sew the side edges tog, lightly stuffing as you sew and sew the cast-on edge onto the back bottom end of the Body over the gathered cast-on sts.

Legs Fold each Leg in half matching up cast-on/off edges. Sew the side edges tog and lightly stuff only the paw ends of the Legs. Sew the cast-on/off edges of each Leg onto the bottom sides of the Body, with the Yarn B paw of each facing downwards. 🐾

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.



**CATCH UP
WITH OUR
READER KNITS
AND STORIES**
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**FIND AND
UNSCRAMBLE
THE KEY
WORD!**

1 Cut-out pattern used to make letters or
designs (7)
5 Infectious childhood illness (7)
9 West Yorkshire city (5)
10 Invisible stitch used to join knitting (8)
11 Bovine animal (3)
12 Book of maps (5)
13 Out of fashion (5)
14 French river (5)
16 Small test square of knitting (6)
18 Japanese horseradish (6)
19 Ancient object (5)
22 Horseback or bicycle passenger (5)
24 Young person (5)
26 Formal address for a gentleman (3)
27 Book of synonyms and antonyms (9)
29 Image taken with a camera (5)
30 Pudding (7)
31 Observer of an incident (7)

- 1 Chooses (7)
- 2 *Sound of Music* flower (9)
- 3 --- del Sol, Spanish holiday destination (5)
- 4 Probably (6)
- 5 Arithmetic (5)
- 6 Type of tree (3)
- 7 Old-style golf course, originating in Scotland (5)
- 8 High-pitched scream or noise (7)
- 13 Might (5)
- 15 Glowing fragment from a fire (5)
- 17 Instrument used to look at stars (9)
- 18 Smooth, tightly spun yarn (7)
- 20 Eager to learn or know (7)
- 21 Puzzle made of interlocking pieces (6)
- 23 Sediment at the bottom of a drink (5)
- 24 Measure of diamond or gold purity (5)
- 25 Storage or distribution centre (5)
- 28 Lightly-hopped beer (3)

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I join two edges stitch by stitch,
But I'm not sewn – that is the hitch.
I mimic rows already made,
A grafted path that will not fade.

What am I?

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2	3	4	8	9	6	1	5
7	5	8	1	2	4	3	6
1	6	9	5	7	3	4	2
9	2	5	3	6	1	7	8
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4	1	7	2	5	8	6	9
3	6	9	3	8	1	7	5

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MELLOW SUNSET

Lantern-shaped sleeves form just one of the lovely design highlights in this summer cardigan by **Chloé Elizabeth Birch**

* V-NECK CARDIGAN



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Air (aran, 65% alpaca, 28% polyamide, 7% wool, 50g/150m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ A 4.5mm circular needle at least 100cm long
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A 5mm circular needle at least 100cm long
- ☐ 4 stitch markers
- ☐ 2 stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

Slip Slip 1 purlwise.
For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

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

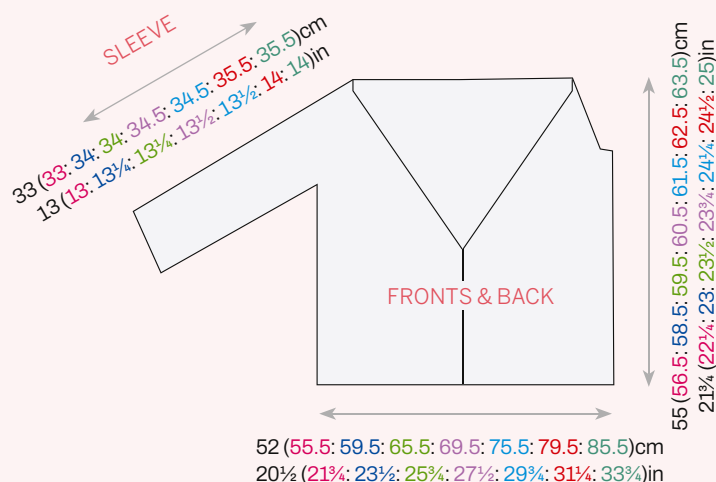
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FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58
ACTUAL BUST	cm	104	110.5	119.5	130.5	139.5	150.5	159.5	170.5
	in	41	43½	47	51½	55	59½	62½	67½
LENGTH	cm	55	56.5	58.5	59.5	60.5	61.5	62.5	63.5
	in	21¾	22¼	23	23½	23¾	24¼	24½	25
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	33	33	34	34	34.5	34.5	35.5	35.5
	in	13	13	13½	13½	13½	13½	14	14
YARN		DROPS Air (aran, 50g/150m)							
Yarn A Wheat (02)		6	6	7	8	8	9	10	10
Yarn B Blush (32)		1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Yarn C Yellow (22)		1	1	1	1	1	1	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



V-NECK CARDIGAN

Note Cardigan is worked from the top down.

NECK EDGE

Cast on 61 (63: 63: 65: 67: 67: 67) sts using 5mm circular needles and Yarn A.

Foundation row (WS) P2, PM, P11, PM, P35 (37: 37: 39: 39: 41: 41: 41), PM, P11, PM, P2.

This creates two fronts with 2 sts each and 2 sleeves with 11 sts each, with the remaining 35 (37: 37: 39: 39: 41: 41: 41) sts for back.

You will now increase at the front neck edge and either side of the raglan 'seams', which are denoted by markers. Different sizes need different rates of increases at the front neck edge, on the front and back raglan seam edges, and at the sleeve raglan seam edges. These different kinds of increases are worked as Inc Rows A, B, C, D, E and F. Ensure you read each section through before starting as some sections are only worked in certain sizes. Do not make any increases before the start of SECTION ONE.

Increase Row A Worked at front neck edges, and on the front and back raglan seam edges and at the sleeve seam edges on the RS as:

Kfb, (K to 1 st before mrk, M1, K1, slSM, K1, M1) 4 times, K to last st, kfb. [10 sts inc'd]

Increase Row B Worked at front and back raglan seam edges and at the sleeve seam edges on the RS as: (K to 1 st before mrk, M1, K1, slSM, K1, M1) 4 times, K to end. [8 sts inc'd]

Increase Row C Worked at front and back raglan seam edges and at the sleeve seam edges on the WS as: (P to 1 st before mrk, M1p, P1, slSM, P1, M1p) 4 times, P to end. [8 sts inc'd]

Increase Row D Worked at front and back raglan seam edges only on the RS as: (K to 1 st before mrk, M1, K1, slSM, K to next mrk, slSM, M1) twice, K to end. [4 sts inc'd]

Increase Row E Worked at front and back raglan seam edges only on the WS as: (P to 1 st before mrk, M1p, P1, slSM, P to next mrk, slSM, M1p) twice, P to end. [4 sts inc'd]

Increase Row F Worked at front neck edges and at front and back raglan seam edges on the RS as: Kfb, (K to 1 st before mrk, M1, K1, slSM, K to next mrk, slSM, M1) twice, K to last st, kfb. [6 sts inc'd]

SECTION ONE ALL SIZES

Work Inc Row B once. [8 sts inc'd]

Next row P to end, slipping mrks.

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Next row P to end, slipping mrks.

Rep last 4 rows another 8 (9: 11: 11: 11: 10: 9: 7) times.
[223 (243: 279: 281: 281: 265: 247: 211) sts; 29 (32: 38: 38: 38: 35: 32: 26) sts per front, 47 (51: 59: 59: 59: 55: 51: 43) sts per sleeve, 71 (77: 85: 87: 87: 85: 81: 73) sts for back]

SECTION TWO SIZES 20-22, 24-26 AND 28-30 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row B once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Rep last 4 rows another - (-: -: 1: 2: 4: -) times.
[- (-: -: 349: 367: 417: -) sts; - (-: -: 48: 50: 57: -) sts per front, - (-: -: 75: 79: 91: -) sts per Sleeve, - (-: -: 103: 109: 121: -) sts for back]

SECTION THREE SIZE 32-34 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Next row P to end, slipping mrks.

Work Inc Row B once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

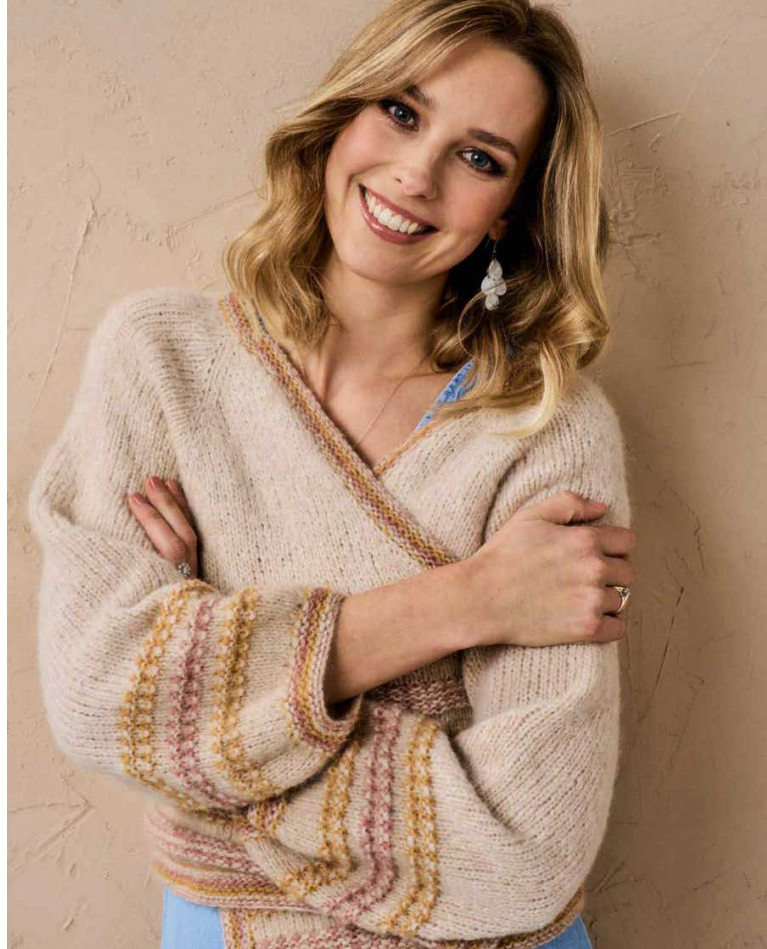
Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row B once. [8 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Rep last 4 rows another 5 times.

Work Inc Row F once. [6 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row D once. [4 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
[459 sts; 65 sts per front, 97 sts per sleeve, 135 sts for back]



SECTION FOUR SIZES 4-6 AND 8-10 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Next row P to end, slipping mrks.

Rep last 2 rows another 5 times.
[283 (303: -: -: -: -: -) sts; 41 (44: -: -: -: -: -) sts per front, 59 (63: -: -: -: -: -) sts per sleeve, 83 (89: -: -: -: -: -) sts for back]

SECTION FIVE SIZE 12-14 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Next row P to end, slipping mrks.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
[331 sts; 48 sts per front, 69 sts per sleeve, 97 sts for back]

SECTION SIX SIZE 16-18 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Rep last 2 rows another 3 times.

Work Inc Row F once. [6 sts inc'd]
Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
[363 sts; 53 sts per front, 75 sts per sleeve, 107 sts for back]

SECTION SEVEN SIZE 20-22 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]

Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

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Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row F once. [6 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]
 [391 sts; 57 sts per front, 81 sts per sleeve, 115 sts for back]

SECTION EIGHT SIZE 24-26 ONLY

Work Inc Row A once. [10 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row C once. [8 sts inc'd]

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Work Inc Row F once. [6 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]

Rep last 2 rows once more.
 [423 sts; 62 sts per front, 87 sts per sleeve, 125 sts for back]

SECTION NINE SIZES 28-30 AND 32-34 ONLY

Work Inc Row F once. [6 sts inc'd]
 Work Inc Row E once. [4 sts inc'd]

Rep last 2 rows another - (: : : : : 2: 1) times.
 [- (: : : : : 447: 479) sts; - (: : : : : 66: 71) sts per front, - (: : : : : 91: 97) sts per sleeve, - (: : : : : 133: 143) sts for back]

ALL SIZES

SEPARATE BODY AND SLEEVES

Next row (RS) (K to mrk, remove mrk, slip next 59 (63: 69: 75: 81: 87: 91: 97) sleeve sts onto a holder, remove mrk, **cast on** 7 sts) twice, K to end. [179 (191: 207: 227: 243: 263: 279: 299) sts]
 Place a mrk at each end of last row to mark beg of body.

Rows 1 to 8 Work 8 rows in st st beginning with a WS purl row.
 Break Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Rows 9 and 10 Knit.

Break Yarn B and join in Yarn A.

Row 11 (WS) Using Yarn A, P1, (sl1p wyif, P1) to end.

Rows 12 to 15 Work in st st.

Join in Yarn B. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused yarns up the side of the work.

Row 16 (RS) Using Yarn B, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 17 Knit.

Rows 18 and 19 Using Yarn A, knit.

Rows 20 to 23 As Rows 16 to 19.

Break Yarn B.

Rows 24 to 27 Using Yarn A, work in st st.

Join in Yarn C. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused yarns up the side of the work.

Row 28 (RS) Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 29 Knit.

Rows 30 and 31 Using Yarn A, knit.

Row 32 Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 33 Knit.

Break Yarn C.

Row 34 Using Yarn A, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Rows 35 to 39 Work in st st.

Join in Yarn B.

Row 40 (RS) Using Yarn B, (work sl2p) 1 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1: 0: 1) time, K1, (sl2p, kfbf, sl2p, K1) to last 2 sts, sl2p.

[237 (253: 275: 301: 323: 349: 371: 397) sts]

Row 41: Sl2p wyif, P1, (sl2p wyif, p3tog, sl2p wyif, P1) to last 2 (2: 0: 2: 0: 2: 0: 2) sts, (work sl2p) 1 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1: 0: 1) time.

[179 (191: 207: 227: 243: 263: 279: 299) sts]

Break Yarn B.

Rows 42 to 45 Using Yarn A, work in st st.

Join in Yarn C. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused yarns up the side of the work.

Row 46 (RS) Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 47 Knit.

Rows 48 and 49 Using Yarn A, knit.

Row 50 Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 51 Knit.

Break Yarn C.

Row 52 Using Yarn A, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Rows 53 to 57 Work in st st.

Join in Yarn B. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused yarns up the side of the work.

Row 58 (RS) Using Yarn B, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 59 Knit.

Rows 60 and 61 Using Yarn A, knit.

Rows 62 to 65 As Rows 58 to 61.

Break Yarn B.

Using Yarn A, work 5 rows in st st, beginning with a RS knit row.

HEM

Change to 4.5mm circular needles.

Using Yarn C, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn B, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn A, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn B, knit 1 row.

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle through the loops of the next two stitches as if to knit.



2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together.



3 Drop the two stitches from the left-hand needle and keep the new stitch on the right-hand needle.



4 Knitting two stitches together decreases your stitch count by one, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k2tog decreases will look.

Rep last 2 rows once more.
Cast off knitwise using Yarn A.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 4 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A, knit across 59 (63: 69: 75: 81: 87: 91: 97) sts left on holder for one sleeve, **cast on** 4 sts. [67 (71: 77: 83: 89: 95: 99: 105) sts]

Work 65 (65: 67: 67: 69: 69: 71: 71) rows in st st, beginning with a purl row.

COLOURWORK SECTION

Join in Yarn C. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused sts up the side of the work.

Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 2 Knit.

Rows 3 and 4 Using Yarn A, work in st st.

Row 5 Using Yarn C, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 6 Knit.

Break Yarn C.

Row 7 Using Yarn A, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Rows 8 to 10 Work in st st.

Join in Yarn B. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused sts up the side of the work.

Row 11 (RS) Using Yarn B, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 12 Knit.

Rows 13 and 14 Using Yarn A work in st st.

Row 15 Using Yarn B, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Row 16 Knit.

Break Yarn B.

Row 17 Using Yarn A, K1, (sl1p, K1) to end.

Rows 18 to 20 Work in st st.

Join in Yarn C. Do not break Yarn A, but carry unused sts up the side of the work.

Rows 21 to 27 As Rows 1 to 7.

Break Yarn C.

Using Yarn A, work 7 rows in st st beginning with a WS purl row.

SIZES 4-6 TO 16-18 ONLY

Dec row (RS) K1 (2: 2: 2: -: -: -: -), (k2tog, K1) to end.

SIZES 20-22 TO 32-34 ONLY

Dec row (RS) K- (-: -: -: 3: 0: 3: 0), (K1, k3tog, K1) to last - (-: -: -: 1: 0: 1: 0) sts, K- (-: -: -: 1: 0: 1: 0).

ALL SIZES

[45 (48: 52: 56: 55: 57: 61: 63) sts]

CUFF

Change to 4.5mm needles.

Using Yarn C, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn B, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn A, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn B, knit 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Cast off knitwise using Yarn A.

BORDER

With RS facing using 4.5mm circular needles and Yarn A, beginning at right front hem, pick up and knit 58 sts evenly up to mrk, 38 (41: 44: 45: 48: 50: 51: 53) sts up right front neckline to raglan cast on, 61 (63: 63: 65: 65: 67: 67: 67) sts along cast-on edge (picking up and knitting 1 st per cast-on st), 38 (41: 44: 45: 48: 50: 51: 53) sts



down left front to mrk, and 58 sts down to left front cast-off edge.

[253 (261: 267: 271: 277: 283: 285: 289) sts]

Using Yarn C, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn A, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn B, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn C, knit 2 rows.

Using Yarn A, knit 1 row.

Using Yarn B, knit 1 row.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Cast off knitwise using Yarn A.

MAKING UP

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

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CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use for a firm edge and when adding stitches to your work



1 Make a slip knot. Insert right-hand needle into the stitch as if to knit. Wrap the yarn around the point and pull through, slipping the stitch on to the left-hand needle.



2 Push the point of the right-hand needle between the first and second stitches. Wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.



3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

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



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



2 Hold the tail in your left hand with your thumb sticking up. Make a circle anti-clockwise with your thumb. You should end up with a cross on the front of your thumb.

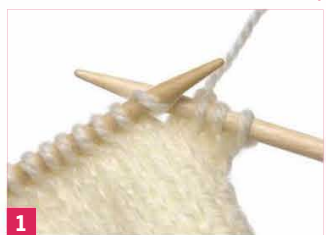


3 Push the needle tip along the outside of your thumb so it passes through the loop. Wrap the working yarn as if to knit.



4 Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

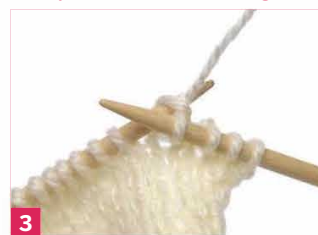
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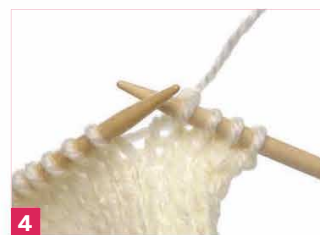
1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



2 Now wind the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle using your index finger. It's important to keep the yarn in your right hand relatively taut to maintain an even tension as you go.



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



4 Push the point of the right needle further through the stitch you created, then gently pull the right needle up and to your left, taking the original loop with it. You've created one knit stitch. Repeat Steps 1 to 4 across the row.

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



1 Holding the needle with all the stitches on in your left hand, and ensuring that the yarn is at the front of your work, insert the right-hand needle up through the front loop of your first stitch as shown.



2 Wind the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle from right to left, in an anti-clockwise motion, constantly keeping a slight tension on the yarn.



3 Now slip the right-hand needle back through the stitch, ensuring that you catch the yarn that you've already wound around the needle. This creates a stitch on your right-hand needle.



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

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



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



2 Insert the left-hand needle through the first stitch, as shown. Lift this stitch over the other stitch on the right-hand needle and over the needle point.



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



4 When you get to the last stitch, cut the yarn about 15cm (6in) away, feed it through the loop and pull through firmly to fasten off.

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop
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

decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together
w&t (wrap and turn) take the yarn to the opposite side of the work between the needles, slip the next st to the right-hand needle, take the yarn back to the other side of the work between the needles, slip the stitch back to the left-hand needle.
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

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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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as I'm always losing them, needles
for Kitchener stitch and a bit of
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"A set of tapestry
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my set of circular knitting needles."



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- 1 skein of Jade (327)
- ☐ A pair of 2.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles

TENSION

41 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over wicker stitch using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

7cm (2.75in) width
x 157cm (62in) length

ABBREVIATIONS

C2F (RS) Ktbl of second st on left needle, knit through front loop of first

st on left needle, drop both sts tog
C2B (WS) Purl second st on left needle, purl first st on left needle, drop both sts tog

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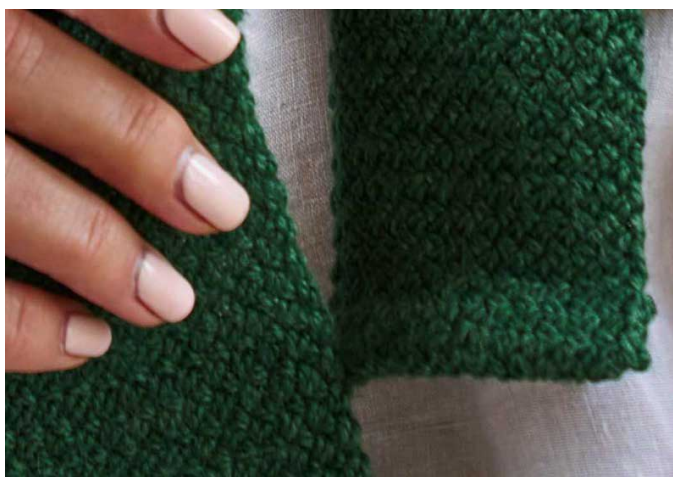


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NARROW SCARF

Note This mini scarf has straight edges and an all-over pattern. Two-stitch cables are worked without a cable needle to create the criss-cross wicker stitch.

SCARF

Cast on 29 sts using 2.5mm needles.

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

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

Rep Rib Rows 1 and 2 once more.

Change to 3.5mm needles.

Work in wicker stitch patt as follows:

Row 1 (RS) Sl1wyib, *C2F; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS) Sl1wyif, *C2B; rep from * to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until Tie meas 160cm from cast-on edge or desired length.

Change to 2.5mm needles.

Work Rib Rows 1 and 2 twice.

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Fold ribbed bands at each end of Tie to back and sew in place.

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



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