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Welcome!



Compliments of the season! OK, so the actual Christmas day may be a little while off yet, but that's **good news** for us knitters as it means there's still plenty of time to get those festive knits off the needles!

Why not start with planning your Christmas wardrobe with garments that look great on the big day and beyond? Whether your preferred look is **Nordic, playful, or out-and-out-glam** we've got something for you, and can guarantee you'll want to wear these beauties year after year. Our **Festive Fashion Collection** starts on page 14.

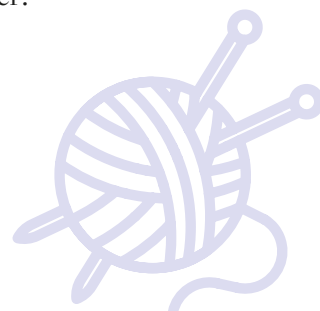
With your outfit sorted it's time to turn to the home, and when it comes to **Christmas decorations** you can never have too many! Starting at page 33, hang Nicola Valiji's **sweet robin wreath** on your door, add Lucinda Ganderton's **quick novelties** to your tree and primp your sofa with Charmaine Fletcher **poinsettia cushion**. The ideas don't stop there; turn to our feature on page 58 for even more great home inspo.

Gift knits are key at this time of year, and of course we've got you covered there as well. Keep it small and quick with Siân Brown's **hot water bottle cosy** (p61) Kelly Menzies' **chunky bobble hat** (p69) or any of the one-ball knits in our feature on page 75.

Our **Lernalong** continues on page 76. Why not use it to help teach someone how to knit? That would surely be the best Christmas present ever!

Happy Knitting

Sarah



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# New Christmas

SUPER CHUNKY



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PATTERN 5779

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# JUST FOR YOU THIS MONTH

## SANTA AND FRIENDS + five festive yarns!

Santa's coming in his sleigh, Christmas is really on its way! Knit this Christmas classic and his reindeer-drawn carriage from Sachiyo Ishii with your yarn kit, and find the bonus teddy, gift, candy cane and mini sack designs online, plus a downloadable festive toy bundle! Catch up with the Let's Knit Together community with the club magazine, and don't forget to send away for our Reader Offer: a mega pack of yarns and fabulous sparkly needles!



### YOUR EXTRA CHRISTMAS TOY SET

Visit our very own Santa's Grotto at [letsknit.co.uk/christmas-patterns](http://letsknit.co.uk/christmas-patterns) for a bonus bundle of five adorable Xmas toys to knit.



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## FREE\* YULE YARN KIT + GLITTER NEEDLES WORTH £7.99!

You won't want to miss this bumper set of eight balls of festive colours and keep that all-important knitting basket topped up with pinks, blues, greens and, top of the list, red. Who knows, maybe the glitter needles will entice the Christmas fairies to help you knit faster, too! Turn to page 88 for how to receive this free\* kit, worth £7.99.

\*UK customers only, just pay postage

## Coming next issue!

### SANTA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

You'll be decking the hall, tree, mantelpiece and anything that doesn't move with our bumper Christmas pattern collection, featuring designs by LK favourites Sachiyo Ishii and Laura Telfer. Mix and match cute festive characters and animals with trees, gifts and mini decs for your perfect Xmas party, with extra patterns online for over 50+ festive favourites!



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WANT IT,

Love it!



JODIE SHEEHAN  
PRESENTS OUR  
TOP BUYS  
THIS FESTIVE  
SEASON!

## MAKE YOUR OWN POKÉMON

The first and only official Pokémon crochet kit has arrived! Create your very own Pikachu amigurumi using the materials provided, plus expand your plushie menagerie with the patterns for five more Pokémon favourites including Eevee, Jigglypuff, Vulpix, Snorlax and Psyduck. As well as the 48-page instruction book, the kit also contains a crochet hook, yarns to create Pikachu, stuffing, felt, glue and a sewing needle. It costs £19.99 from [davidandcharles.com](http://davidandcharles.com)

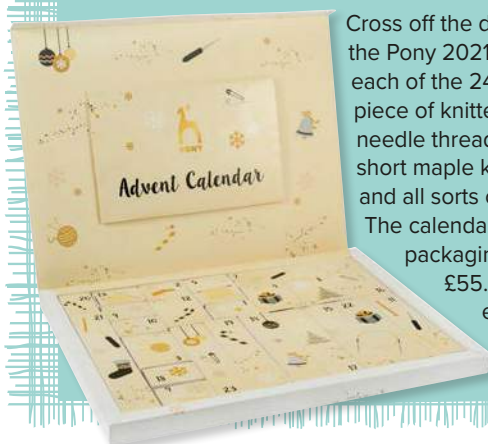


## Less is More

This understated jumper features a peppering of snowy bobbles and delicate eyelets, making for a sophisticated piece of knitwear that can be worn as part of a festive ensemble, or as a more casual, year-round garment. Knitted in Rowan Alpaca Classic yarn, this pattern is called Titanium and is part of Rowan Magazine 70, which has an RRP of £12.50. Visit [knitrowan.com](http://knitrowan.com) for stockists.



## The Final Countdown



Cross off the days until Christmas with the Pony 2021 Advent Calendar! Behind each of the 24 windows lies a shining piece of knitter's treasure, including needle threaders, point protectors, short maple knitting needles, wool pins and all sorts of other yarn crafting tools! The calendar comes with plastic-free packaging and has an RRP of £55. For stockist information, email [groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk](mailto:groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk)

## Yummy yarn

Back in stock ready for the most wonderful time of the year, King Cole's Yummy in shade Merry Christmas is here to add some festive cheer to your makes! This red, white and green chunky yarn is full of squishy squashy goodness and its plush texture makes it perfect for cosy blankets, snuggly jumpers and more. It has an RRP of £4.09-£4.89 per 100g (120m) ball. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists.





# Shop the COLLECTION

WHAT'S *New*

**1** West Yorkshire Spinners has got a gorgeous Christmas jumper for all the family in this new collection. For Him, check out this bold black-and-white design featuring a holly motif with a little pop of red for the berries.



Dynamic  
colours

**2** With a jolly herd of reindeer trotting across the centre and a blizzard of snowflakes, hearts and trees, this classically coloured red-and-white jumper will delight year after year. Sophisticated but still with a bit of fun, it hits the perfect balance for all those festive occasions.



2

**3** For the little ones, this bright and colourful design includes tiny Santa hats, toadstools, candy canes and fir trees, with a central star motif. The ColourLab DK Festive Family Pattern Book has an RRP of £9.95. Visit [wyspinners.com](http://wyspinners.com) for stockists.



Oversized  
fit



## Christmas Bleatings

It's nearly time to start putting pen to paper for the annual Christmas cards! We just love this new design from Emma Ball, which reads "Wishing ewe a very merry Christmas and a super duper new year" complete with a winter scarf-wearing and fairy light-covered sheep! A pack of six 13cm square cards costs £3.50 from [emmoball.co.uk](http://emmoball.co.uk)

*"All of my products are designed with a smile over at my two Nottingham Studios - one at home where my cats help out and one in the offices/warehouse, where I can be found working with my Freddy Mercury-loving sidekick, Sharon!"*

Emma Ball

## The Good Stuff

As the gift-giving season draws near, many of us knitters are looking to make toys and teddies for our loved ones. This stuffing, which is a collaboration between PANDA® and Yarn and Colors, owes its softness, volume and lightweight nature to its hollow polyester fibres. Perfect for those festive toys, but also for cushions and other projects, creations filled with this stuffing can be washed at 40°C.

Approx £6.86 from [yarnandcolors.com](http://yarnandcolors.com)



## NAUGHTY OR NICE?

Wool Couture have just released this fabulous Christmas Sack Knitting Kit, perfect for holding Santa's presents on Christmas Eve! Super easy and knitted in a speedy, chunky yarn, there are instructions for every letter of the alphabet to personalise your make. The kit includes a tote, five balls of Cheeky Chunky yarn in your choice of colours, a sewing needle and the pattern, with the option to add 15mm needles too. £49.99 from [woolcouturecompany.com](http://woolcouturecompany.com)

## Watch and Learn

Join Create and Craft for Seamless Sunday on 3rd October, an incredible morning dedicated to the secrets of soft crafting with a host of stitching experts. This special event takes place every six weeks and caters to stitchers, knitters, crochet-lovers and sewers from beginner level all the way to advanced. It's your chance to ask the experts for their advice plus take advantage of some fantastic 60 Minute Deals and Exclusive New Launches from top soft craft brands. Tune in on [createandcraft.com](http://createandcraft.com), Sky 683, Freeview 95, Virgin 748 or Freesat 813





# Knit it, Write it, SHARE IT

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU – CHECK OUT YOUR AMAZING PROJECTS IN THIS MONTH'S READER GALLERY!

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## Star Letter

*"Dear Let's Knit,*

In April 2021, I decided to try and take up knitting. Whilst I've never done it before, I wanted to find a

hobby that would help my mental health. Now just a few months later, I have taught myself to knit and have made nine of the teddy bears from Val Pierce's 'Twenty to Knit' books. I have attached a picture of my bears and I hope you like them."

**Megan Barnard**

*That is really impressive Megan, your collection of bears is wonderful!*



Our Star Letter writer Megan wins a selection of sparkly festive yarns, plus knitting needles.



## Make of the MONTH

"My very good friend asked if I knew the Clangers had been re-made and were knitted? Then came the "Could you knit me one for my granddaughter, Sophia?" It was a whole new challenge for me as it also included making clothes and hand-stitching lots of detail. The finishing effect looked great and I'd surprised myself. Clanger now enjoys lots of cuddles and watching himself on TV."

**Katie Wright**

*This Clanger belongs on the telly, Katie – both the knitting and outfits are brilliant!*



LK reader Katie has won a haul of Rowan yarns

## Let's knit together

### Member of the Month

Introducing... **Caroline MacGowan**



**How long have you been knitting?** I learned to knit at primary school but took it up seriously when I was 14 and have been knitting ever since.

**What is your proudest knitting moment?** Being sent photos of babies in the family wearing garments I have knitted!

**What couldn't you be without?** My bamboo knitting needles.

**What is your best knitting tip?** Always check your tension as it ensures your garments turn out the correct size.

**Why should everyone knit?** It is a great skill to have and knitting makes me happy.



## Pinspiration!



While you'll find heaps of fun Christmas ideas on our Pinterest boards, there are also plenty of sophisticated knits too, such as this delicate lace shawl to top off that special outfit. Browse our Pinterest boards, and plan your new wardrobe for those up-coming festive get-togethers at [pinterest.com/letsknitmag](https://pinterest.com/letsknitmag)





# Look What You've Made!

EVERY MONDAY OUR FACEBOOK FANS SHARE THEIR LATEST KNITS IN OUR READERS' MAKES COMPETITION. HERE ARE A FEW OF OUR FAVES.



Suzanne Gilbraith



Julie Preston



Jennifer Jolly

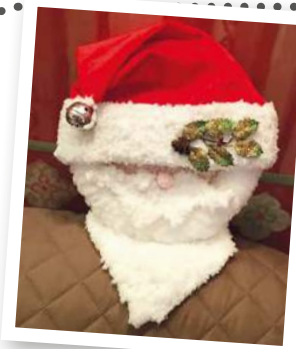
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## SURPRISE, SURPRISE!

"Henry Hoover hiding a chocolate orange inside!"

Lin Holden

*Your chocolate may be safe there, Lin!*



## SANTA'S COMING!

"Santa wreath ready for Christmas."

Susan Evans

*That's a fine sight, Susan!*

## HANGING OUT TO DRY

"Santa's washing line Christmas decoration."

Angie Day

*Small and perfectly formed, Angie!*



## TWINKLE TOES

"My socks – Christmas inspired!"

Becki Sanders

*Oooh, subtly festive, Becki!*

## COMMUNITY MATTERS

"Myself and two friends made this postbox topper for our very own village swimming Paralympian who won two gold medals at Tokyo 2020!"

Jane Bailey

*Wow – what a talented village you live in, Jane!*



## MMM, YUMMY!

"Gingerbread man!"

Pearl Brinkley

*Pearl, he looks almost good enough to eat!*

## You

# OUR FAB YARN KITS!

You've had fun knitting our cute kit characters over the last few issues. Here are some of your fantastic photos!



Jill Slipper



STAR  
MAKER

Leigh Griffin



STAR  
MAKER

Karen Hesketh



Mel Wolfindale

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STAR  
MAKER

We want to recognise those of you who regularly send in your photos of kit makes, so look out for this little logo. You're amazing!



As befits our Christmas issue, it's all about being ready for (and not panicking about) December, so here's how to get to that zen state!

# Out & About

WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO!

## Get your skates on!

Well, what we really mean is, if you have a busy Knitmas planned it pays to get organised. Get your to-do lists and calendar together, plan shopping trips – and allow for unexpected time out. Just as importantly, be prepared to change tack. Follow our Cast on for Christmas campaign on Instagram for handy aids and fun inspo to add to your festive cheer!



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## CRAFTY EVENTS

TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY

### 1 SIMPLY CHRISTMAS, NEC, BIRMINGHAM

4th-7th November  
ichfevents.co.uk

### 2 CONTEMPORARY CRAFT FAIR, RHS WISLEY, SURREY

10th-14th November  
craftinfocus.com

### 3 YORK CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, YORK

18th November-23rd December  
visityork.org

### 4 EAST OF ENGLAND CRAFT, FOOD & GIFT FAIR

11th-12th December  
livingheritagecountryshows.com

## Let's knit

## Must-visit

### THE CREATIVE CRAFT SHOW

4th-7th November

The ever-popular The Creative Craft Show will be returning with physical shows this autumn, with a four-day show at the NEC in Birmingham from 4th-7th November and free entry into Simply Christmas. Featuring some of the best crafting exhibitors offering the latest products, inspiration and advice, it also includes a free programme of quick and easy workshops, talks and demonstrations in all your favourite crafts. Visit [ichfevents.co.uk](http://ichfevents.co.uk) to plan your Christmas extravaganza, and look out for our ticket giveaways to upcoming shows on our social media!



### LK Blog of the Month

If you're looking for a vegan or eco-friendly yarn, these new yarns are well worth a try, whether it's for yourself or to make a special something for another. Read all about it at [letsknit.co.uk/blog](http://letsknit.co.uk/blog)



## Skills CORNER

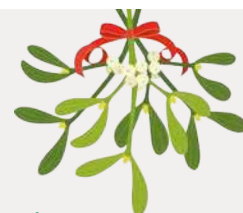
Hobbycraft has set up a new Christmas crafts workshop section – see what is on at your local store, or sign up for an online Christmas Wreath making workshop. Beforehand you'll get a kit delivered to your home, including a wreath base, natural style decs and glue gun, and it's also ideal for customising with your own knitty bits.

**When:** book your slot

**Where:** online

**How much?** £35

**To book:** visit [classbento.co.uk](http://classbento.co.uk)



Stay safe on your shopping trips and catch-ups during this busy season for all those Christmases to come! Use hand sanitiser, respect social distancing and watch out for unexpected mistletoe encounters!

## STAYING IN?

KEEP YOURSELF BUSY WITH THESE GREAT FINDS!



### Top Movie

*A Boy Called Christmas* is an about a lad who goes in search of his father. With snow, elves, kidnapping, plus Jim Broadbent and Maggie Smith, it's due in our cinemas in November.



### Listen Up

Imagined Landscapes is a regular vlog by Canadian sisters Sarah and Katie who love knitting – and sci-fi and fantasy! Find the vlog at [imaginedlandscapes.com](http://imaginedlandscapes.com)



  
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Lace  
Border  
Cardi

SHIMMER IN  
SIÂN BROWN'S  
SWEET YET  
SIMPLE  
COVER-UP TO  
LIGHT UP ANY  
GATHERING

*Costs  
from  
£27!*

*Just a  
LITTLE  
LACE!*

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Red Star  
Christmas  
Sweater

*Bold  
bobbie  
motif*

THIS FUN DESIGN BY  
JACINTA BOWIE WILL BE  
A HIT WITH TEENS, TOO

We don't quite know what this Christmas will bring, but top of our list is as many jolly reunions and cosy catch-ups with family and friends as we can possibly squeeze in – and that means a new seasonal knit for every occasion! Naturally you need the glamorous Lustrous Cardi to shine up any party outfit, and for casual luxury it's a happy dilemma between the timeless Scandi Hearts Sweater or contemporary Stardust Jumper. Wearing a fabulous bobbly Red Star top is guaranteed to have you raring to wrap the pressies, and don't forget to try our Nordic snowflake ready for carol singing...

Happy Christmas knitting!



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Stardust  
Jumper

*Luxury  
soft  
merino*

*Knit*  
**IN THE  
ROUND**

JO ALLPORT HAS  
SPRINKLED A  
MAGICAL DUSTING  
OF FAIR ISLE  
AROUND THIS  
ALL-DAY SWEATER

*Delicate*  
**FESTIVE  
MOTIF**

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Nordic Hat  
and Cowl

*Scandi style*

FEEL THE WARMTH FROM THE  
FAIR ISLE LAYERS OF SUSIE JOHNS'  
SNOWFLAKE SET

DELIGHT IN  
THE DETAIL  
OF ANNIKEN  
ALLIS'S  
UNDERSTATED  
CHRISTMAS  
CREATION





# Red Star Christmas SWEATER

BE YOUR OWN SHINING STAR WITH  
JACINTA BOWIE'S CHUNKY CHRISTMAS JUMPER

You'll be putting yourself at the top of the tree this year, with this thick and luxurious star sweater! The fun and tactile shape emblazoned on the front is made from little bobbles, created by working into the same stitch so that a little protruding pocket forms. You'll also be making use of reverse stocking stitch for the majority of the garment, which is the same as stocking stitch, except your right side is your purl side, giving some added depth to your garment

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Dress size:** 4-6 (8-10, 10-12, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22)

**To fit chest (cm):** 71-76 (81-86, 87-91, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117)

**Actual chest (cm):** 91 (100, 110, 120, 129, 138)

**Length (cm):** 55.5 (56.5, 57.5, 58.5, 60.5, 60.5)

**Underarm seam:** 45cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Wool Couture Cheeky Chunky, shade Ruby, 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) 100g balls

**Needles:** 10mm, 12mm

**Stitch holder**

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 8.5 sts x 11 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Reverse stocking stitch
- 12mm needles

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**mb:** k into front and back of same st twice, (four sts), turn work and p the four sts, turn work and k2tog, ssk, pass first st over second st

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Wool Couture Cheeky Chunky** is a 100% merino wool yarn available in 26 different colours and ranging from pastels to brights. This super-chunky yarn is quick to knit up, making it perfect for bigger projects like jumpers. Care for this yarn by hand washing and laying flat to dry. One 100g (65m) ball costs £8.99 from [woolcouturecompany.com](http://woolcouturecompany.com)

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Any super-chunky yarn would work well for this project. Check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.

### 1X1 RIB

- Rib row 1 (RS): \* k1, p1, rep from \* to last st, k1
- Rib row 2: \* p1, k1, rep from \* to last st, p1

### STAR BOBBLE PATTERN

Worked over 23 sts

- Row 1: p6, mb, p9, mb, p6
- Row 2 and foll alt rows: k to end
- Row 3: p6, mb, p1, mb, p5, mb, p1, mb, p6
- Rows 5, 7 and 9: p6, [mb, p1] five times, mb, p6
- Row 11: p4, [mb, p1] seven times, mb, p4
- Row 13: p2, [mb, p1] nine times, mb, p2
- Row 15: [mb, p1] 11 times, mb
- Row 17: p8, [mb, p1] three times, mb, p8
- Row 19: p9, [mb, p1] twice, mb, p9
- Row 21: p10, mb, p1, mb, p10
- Row 23: p11, mb, p11

- Next row: patt to end
- Rep last two rows 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6) times more. 33 (37, 39, 43, 45, 47) sts
- Cont in patt until all rows of Star Bobble Patt have been worked
- Cont in rev st st only until work meas seven rows less than Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending after a RS row

### Shape neck

- Next row (WS): k9 (11, 12, 14, 15, 16), k2tog, k1, turn, leaving rem sts on holder
- Next row: p to end
- Next row: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. One st dec
- Rep last two rows once more. 9 (11, 12, 14, 15, 16) sts

Start knitting here...

### BACK

Using 10mm needles, cast on 41 (45, 49, 53, 57, 61) sts

- Work in 1x1 rib for six rows

Change to 12mm needles

- Beg with a p (RS) row, work in rev st st until work meas 29 (29, 30, 30, 31, 31) cm ending after a p (RS) row

### Shape armholes

- Dec row (WS): k2, k2tog, k to last four sts, ssk, k2. Two sts dec
- Next row: p to end
- Rep last two rows 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6) times more. 33 (37, 39, 43, 45, 47) sts
- Cont in rev st st on rem sts until armhole meas 23 (24, 24, 25, 26, 26) cm ending after a WS row
- Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 8) sts at beg of next two rows. 23 (25, 27, 29, 29, 31) sts
- Cast off 4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8) sts at beg of next two rows. 15 sts
- Leave rem sts on holder for back neck

### FRONT

Using 10mm needles cast on 41 (45, 49, 53, 57, 61) sts

- Work in 1x1 rib for six rows

Change to 12mm needles

- Beg with a p (RS) row work in rev st st for 12 rows

Working from either written instructions or Chart, work in rev st st with Star Bobble Patt as follows:

- Row 1 (RS): p9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19), pm, patt across 23 sts of Row 1 of Star Bobble Patt, pm, p to end
- Row 2: k9 (11, 13, 15, 17, 19), sm, patt across Row 2 of Star Bobble Patt, sm, k to end

These two rows set position of Star Bobble Patt

- Cont working corresponding rows of patt with rev st st to sides until work meas same as Back to start of armhole shaping, ending after a RS row

### Shape armholes

- Dec row (WS): k2, k2tog, patt to last four sts, ssk, k2. Two sts dec

## Wear and CARE

Handwashing is the best way to keep your knitted garments looking great for as long as possible. Always read the yarn label for product-specific directions for caring for your makes, but in general, you should fill a tub or sink with lukewarm water and add about a teaspoon of detergent. Submerge the garment and gently swish it through the sudsy water until it's clean. Avoid scrubbing or twisting the fabric. Then, drain the tub or sink, refill it with cool water and push the garment up and down until all the soap is gone, refilling with fresh water if necessary. Then, gently squeeze the excess water out of the garment and lay it flat on a towel to dry.





- ☐ Next row: p to end
- ☐ Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 8) sts at beg of next row
- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off rem 4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8) sts
- Slip central nine sts onto a holder for front neck and rejoin yarn to rem sts with WS facing
- ☐ Next row: k1, ssk, k to end
- ☐ Next row: p to end
- ☐ Rep last two rows twice more. 9 (11, 12, 14, 15, 16) sts
- ☐ Next row: k to end
- ☐ Cast off 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 8) sts at beg of next row. 4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8) sts
- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off

### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 10mm needles cast on 15 (17, 17, 19, 21, 21) sts

☐ Work in 1x1 rib for five rows

Work inc row for your size as follows:

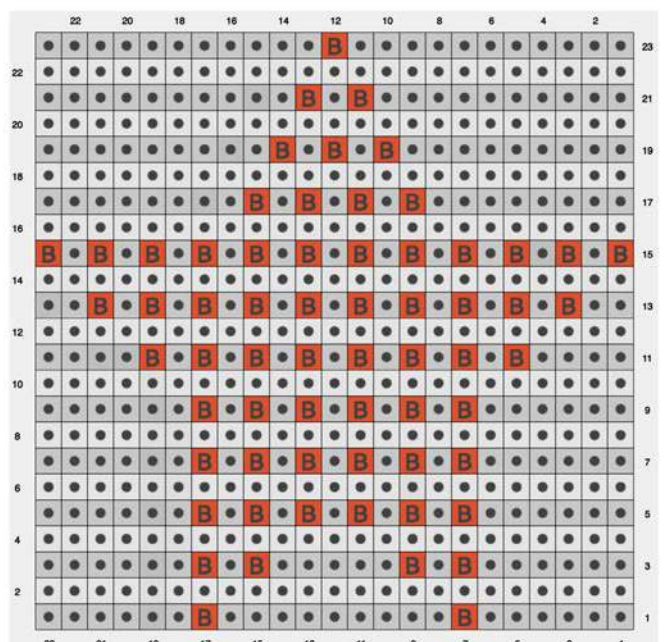
- ☐ First size only: [kfb] twice, [k1, kfb] six times, kfb. 24 sts
- ☐ Second size only: kfb, [k1, kfb] eight times. 26 sts
- ☐ Third size only: [kfb] three times, [k1, kfb] five times, [kfb] three times, k1. 28 sts
- ☐ Fourth size only: k1, [k1, kfb] nine times. 28 sts
- ☐ Fifth and sixth sizes only: kfb, [k1, kfb] ten times. 32 sts

"If you wanted to really make the star pop on this design, you could try working the bobble section in a contrasting colour."

LK Content Writer,  
Jodie Sheehan



### STAR BOBBLE PATTERN



Work RS rows from right to left and  
WS rows from left to right.

☐ P on RS row, K on WS row ☐ mb make bobble



Reverse stocking  
stitch is just  
rows of knit and  
purl, but with  
the purl side on  
the outside!

## great ADVICE



"Due to the soft, untwisted nature of this wool yarn, care must be taken when sewing together. The tail of yarn can pull apart if you handle it too harshly, so practise on a test swatch to get the right tension."

LK DESIGNER,  
*Jacinta Bowie*

### All sizes

- ☐ Beg with a p (RS) row, cont in rev st st inc one st at each end of 3rd (1st, 3rd, 1st, 3rd, 1st) row. 26 (28, 30, 30, 34, 34) sts
- ☐ Inc one st at each end of every foll 5th (5th, 6th, 5th, 6th, 5th) row 5 (5, 4, 4, 3, 3) times more. 36 (38, 38, 38, 40, 40) sts
- ☐ Cont in rev st st on these sts until work meas 45cm ending after a RS row

### Shape top

- ☐ Dec row: k1, k2tog, k to last four sts, ssk, k2. Two sts dec
- ☐ Next row: p to end
- ☐ Rep last two rows 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 6) times more. 28 (30, 28, 28, 28, 26) sts
- ☐ Cast off five sts at beg of next four rows. 8 (10, 8, 8, 8, 6) sts
- ☐ Cast off

### NECKBAND

Join left shoulder seam

- ☐ Using 10mm needles and with RS facing, rejoin yarn to 15 back neck sts and k to end, pick up and k 9 (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) sts down front neck shaping, k across nine sts left on holder for front neck, pick up and k 10 (10, 10, 11, 11, 12) sts up front neck shaping. 43 (43, 43, 45, 45, 47) sts
- ☐ Beg with a WS row work in 1x1 rib for six rows
- ☐ Cast off in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Join rem shoulder seam and neckband. Weave in ends. Set sleeves into armholes. Join side and sleeve seams. Block lightly under a damp cloth to given measurements **LK**



## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

### Dress size (approx):

8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22)

### To fit chest (cm):

82-86 (92-97, 102-107, 112-117)

### Actual chest (cm):

96 (107, 118, 129)

### Length to back neck (cm):

44 (46, 49, 51)

### Sleeve length: 30cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rico Fashion Cotton  
Métallisé DK, shade 004 Silver,

8 (9, 10, 11) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 3.75mm

**Stitch holders**

**Button, 23mm diameter**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

■ 22 sts x 32 rows

■ 10cm x 10cm

■ Stocking stitch

■ 3.75mm needles

**FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97**

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Rico Fashion Cotton Métallisé DK** is the ideal yarn for a glam garment or accessory. In a mix of 53% cotton, 35% acrylic and 12% metallic fibres, there are plenty of sparkling shades from light silvers and soft pastels to cool black. To keep its lustre this yarn is hand wash only and the RRP is £3.40 per 50g (130m) ball. For stockists visit [rico-design.de](http://rico-design.de)

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Ask your local yarn shop for a sparkling option!

## Best BUTTON

The single buttonhole in this garment is made with cast-off and cast-on stitches, and is larger than one made by a simple eyelet, so choose your button accordingly as this is the main fastening. Bear in mind also the weight of your finishing touch, as the DK fabric is not very thick and so a heavy or shanked button may not sit as well as one made from a lighter material.

# Lustrous Lace Border CARDI

DAZZLE AT THE  
TABLE AND ON THE  
DANCE FLOOR  
IN SIÂN BROWN'S  
PARTY NUMBER

Be sure to make time to create this sparkling stunner for yourself this festive season, and you'll have it ready made for other special occasions to come. Take a closer look and you'll see it is a deceptively easy garment: raglan sleeves for simple making up, just a little lace border with stocking stitch in the main, and a single button to fasten it. Go on, treat yourself for a change and be the belle of the ball!





## LACE PATTERN

- ☐ Row 1: \* k2, yfwd, skpo, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to last st, k1
  - ☐ Row 2: p to end
  - ☐ Row 3: \* k1, yfwd, skpo, yfwd, sl 2, k1, p2sso, yfwd, k2tog, yfwd, rep from \* to last st, k1
  - ☐ Row 4: p to end
  - ☐ Row 5: \* k1, yfwd, sl 2, k1, p2sso, yfwd, rep from \* to last st, k1
  - ☐ Row 6: p to end
  - ☐ Rows 7-8: rep Rows 5-6
- Last eight rows form Lace Patt

Start knitting here...

## BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 113 (121, 137, 145) sts

- ☐ Rows 1-3: k to end
- Change to 3.75mm needles and commence Lace patt border as folls:
- ☐ Rows 1-31: work Rows 1-8 of Lace patt three times and Rows 1-7 once more
  - ☐ Dec row: p to end dec 5 (1, 5, 1) sts across row. 108 (120, 132, 144) sts
  - ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work in st st until Back meas 27 (28, 29, 30) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

## Shape raglan armholes

- ☐ Cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts at beg of next two rows. 94 (102, 110, 118) sts
  - ☐ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2
  - ☐ Next row: p to end
  - ☐ Rep last two rows 25 (27, 29, 31) times. 42 (46, 50, 54) sts
- Leave rem sts on a holder for back neck

## LEFT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 57 (65, 73, 73) sts

- ☐ Rows 1-3: k to end
- Change to 3.75mm needles and commence Lace patt border as folls:
- ☐ Rows 1-31: work Rows 1-8 of Lace patt three times and Rows 1-7 once more
  - ☐ Dec row: p to end dec 3 (5, 7, 1) sts across row. 54 (60, 66, 72) sts
  - ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work in st st until Front meas 27 (28, 29, 30) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

## Shape raglan armhole

- ☐ Next row: cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts, k to end. 47 (51, 55, 59) sts
- ☐ Next row: p to end
- ☐ Next row: k15 (17, 19, 21), skpo, k to end

- ☐ Next row: p to end
  - ☐ Rep last two rows 25 (27, 29, 31) times. 21 (23, 25, 27) sts
- Leave rem sts on holder

## RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 57 (65, 73, 73) sts

- ☐ Rows 1-3: k to end
- Change to 3.75mm needles and commence Lace patt border as folls:
- ☐ Rows 1-31: work Rows 1-8 of Lace patt three times and Rows 1-7 once more
  - ☐ Dec row: p to end, dec 3 (5, 7, 1) sts across row. 54 (60, 66, 72) sts
  - ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work in st st until Front meas 27 (28, 29, 30) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a RS row

## Shape raglan armhole

- ☐ Next row: cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts, p to end. 47 (51, 55, 59) sts
  - ☐ Next row: k to last 17 (19, 21, 23) sts, k2tog, k15 (17, 19, 21)
  - ☐ Next row: p to end
  - ☐ Rep last two rows 25 (27, 29, 31) times. 21 (23, 25, 27) sts
- Leave rem sts on holder

## SLEEVES (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 57 (57, 65, 73) sts

- ☐ Rows 1-3: k to end
- Change to 3.75mm needles and commence Lace patt border as folls:
- ☐ Rows 1-31: work Rows 1-8 of Lace patt three times and Rows 1-7 once more
  - ☐ Dec row: p to end inc 0 (6, 4, 2) sts across row. 57 (63, 69, 75) sts
  - ☐ Next row: k to end
  - ☐ Next row: p to end
  - ☐ Inc row: k3, m1, k to last three sts, m1, k3
  - ☐ Beg with a p (WS) row, work seven rows in st st
  - ☐ Rep last eight rows five times



"Why not add some extra sparkle with a diamanté button?"

LK Acting Deputy Editor, **Neti Love**







more, then inc row once more.  
71 (77, 83, 89) sts

☐ Cont without shaping until  
Sleeve meas 30cm from cast-on  
edge, ending after a WS row

#### Shape raglan sleeve top

☐ Cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts at beg of  
next two rows. 57 (59, 61, 63) sts

☐ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last  
four sts, k2tog, k2. 55 (57, 59,  
61) sts

☐ Next row: p to end

☐ Next row: k to end

☐ Next row: p to end

☐ Rep last four rows 7 (8, 9, 10)  
times. 41 sts

☐ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last  
four sts, k2tog, k2. 39 sts

☐ Next row: p to end

☐ Rep last two rows nine times.  
21 sts

Leave rem sts on holder

#### NECKBAND

Join raglan seams

☐ Using 3.25mm needles and  
with RS facing, k19 (21, 23, 25),  
skpo from Right Front; k2tog, k17,  
skpo from right Sleeve; k2tog,  
k38 (42, 46, 50), skpo from Back;  
k2tog, k17, skpo from left Sleeve;  
k2tog, k19 (21, 23, 25) from Left  
front holder. 118 (126, 134, 142) sts

☐ K four rows

☐ Cast off

#### LEFT FRONT BAND

☐ Using 3.25mm needles and  
with RS facing, pick up and  
k 110 (115, 120, 125) sts down  
Left Front edge

☐ K four rows

☐ Cast off

#### RIGHT FRONT BAND

☐ Using 3.25mm needles and  
with RS facing, pick up and  
k 110 (115, 120, 125) sts up Right  
Front edge

☐ K one row

☐ Buttonhole row 1: k to last  
seven sts, cast off three sts,  
k to end

☐ Buttonhole row 2: k4, cast on  
three sts (over those cast off in  
previous row), k to end

☐ K one row

☐ Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams.

Sew on button **LK**



# Stardust JUMPER

ADD A TOUCH OF MAGIC TO YOUR  
NEXT WINTER JUMPER WITH  
JO ALLPORT'S FAIR ISLE WONDER

This sparkling garment will be sure to enchant you and anyone else who looks upon it! Featuring a sprinkling of delicate speckles over the yoke, this design is knitted from the top down in a luxury merino yarn. You'll be working in the round to achieve the look, so take care not to twist your stitches when you start. This inclusive design can be made in sizes 8 through to 26, and it would make a delightful Christmas jumper for a loved one.

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Dress size (approx):** 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26)

**To fit chest (cm):** 81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117, 122, 127)

**Actual chest (cm):** 93 (96, 102, 107, 115, 118, 124, 129, 135, 138)

**Actual length to shoulder (cm):** 58 (60, 61, 62, 64, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71)

**Actual underarm sleeve length (cm):** 43 (46, 46, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48, 48)

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** King Cole Luxury Merino DK, shades (A) Snowy Sky, 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) 50g balls, (B) Fuchsia, 8 (8, 9, 9, 10, 11, 12, 11, 12, 12, 13) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm circular and double-pointed, 4mm circular and double-pointed

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## ABOUT THE YARN

King Cole Luxury Merino DK is a warm, pure wool yarn that can be machine washed at 30°C, making it a practical choice for garments and accessories. There are more than 30 shades available and it has an RRP of £4.40-£5.29 per 50g (140m) ball. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists.

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Any DK wool yarn would work well for this pattern. Check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.



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## Start knitting here...

### NECKBAND

**NOTE:** this design is worked in the rnd from top down

Using 3.25mm circular needle and yarn A, cast on 112 (116, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134) sts. Join to work in the rnd being careful not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

□ Work in single rib (see panel) for 4cm, ending at marker

Change to 4mm circular needle

□ K two rnds

Work first set of incs as folls:

□ Inc rnd 1: k5 (4, 6, 4, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4), \* m1, k3, rep from \* to last 5 (4, 6, 4, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4) sts, k to end.

146 (152, 156, 160, 164, 166, 170,

172, 174, 176) sts

□ K 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11) rnds

□ Inc rnd 2: k4 (4, 3, 5, 4, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4), \* m1, k3, rep from \* to last 4 (4, 3, 5, 4, 2, 1, 2, 3, 4) sts, k to end. 192 (200, 206, 210, 216, 220, 226, 228, 230, 232) sts

□ K 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11) rnds

□ Inc rnd 3: k6 (7, 7, 6, 3, 2, 2, 3, 1, 2), \* m1, k3, rep from \* to last 6 (7, 7, 6, 3, 2, 2, 3, 1, 2) sts, k to end. 252 (262, 270, 276, 286, 292, 300, 302, 306, 308) sts

□ K 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11) rnds

□ Inc rnd 4: k4 (5, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4,

3, 2), \* m1, k3, m1, k4 (4, 4, 4, 3, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2), rep from \* to last 3 (5, 2, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 1) sts, k to end.

322 (334, 346, 354, 380, 388, 398, 420, 426, 430) sts

□ K 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11) rnds

**All sizes except eighth**

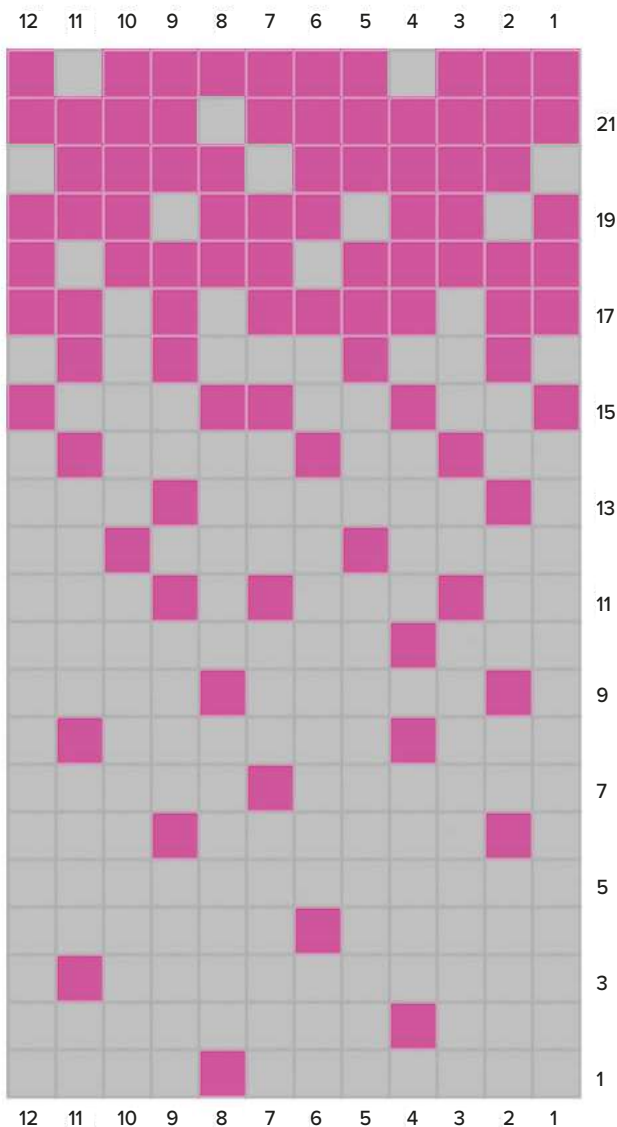
**NOTE:** there are no more increases for eighth size

□ Inc rnd 5: k107 (111, 115, 52, 76, 43, 37, -, 63, 143), \* m1, k108 (112,

## Rib STITCH

The single rib in this pattern will be worked over an even number of stitches, which means you should work the following pattern sequence every round: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end.

### STARDUST PATTERN



**YARN KEY** □ Yarn A □ Yarn B



"Remember, when working stocking stitch in the round, you knit every row."

LK Content Writer, **Jodie Sheehan**





116, 50, 76, 43, 36, -, 60, 144), rep from \* to last 107 (111, 115, 52, 76, 44, 37, -, 63, 143) sts, m1, k to end. 324 (336, 348, 360, 384, 396, 408, 420, 432, 432) sts

### Eighth size only

- ☐ K one rnd

### All sizes

- ☐ K3 (5, 5, 3, 3, 5, 3, 5, 3, 5) rnds
- ☐ Work in st st from Chart, working all rows from right to left and working 12-st rep across rnd, until all 22 rows of Chart are complete

Cont in yarn B only as folls:

- ☐ Work one rnd

Split for front, back and sleeves as folls:

**NOTE: start of rnd is at back left sleeve seam**

- ☐ Next rnd: sl next 68 (70, 72, 72, 78, 80, 82, 82, 84, 82) sts onto waste yarn (left sleeve), cast on 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16, 18) sts and k these sts, k across 94 (98, 102, 108, 114, 118, 122, 128, 132, 134) sts (front), cast on 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16, 18) sts and k these sts, sl next 68 (70, 72, 72, 78, 80, 82, 82, 84, 82) sts onto waste yarn (right sleeve), k across 94 (98, 102, 108, 114, 118, 122, 128, 132, 134) sts (back). 204 (212, 224, 236, 252, 260, 272, 284, 296, 304) sts

### Body

Pm for beg of rnd

- ☐ Work in st st until work meas 32 (33, 33, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 37, 38) cm from underarms and ending at marker
- Change to 3.25mm circular needle

- ☐ Work in single rib for 5cm
- ☐ Cast off in rib

### Sleeves

Transfer 68 (70, 72, 72, 78, 80, 82, 82, 84, 82) sts from waste yarn to 4mm circular needle

- ☐ Cast on 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9) sts and k these sts, k across 68 (70, 72, 72, 78, 80, 82, 82, 84, 82) sts, cast on another 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9) sts and k these sts, join and pm for beg of rnd. 76 (78, 82, 82, 90, 92, 96, 96, 100, 100) sts

**NOTE: marker indicates beg of rnd at centre of sleeve**

- ☐ Work in st st for six rnds

Work Sleeve decs as folls, changing to dpns as st count reduces:

- ☐ Next rnd: k1, k2tog, k to three sts before m, skpo, k1, sm. Two sts dec
- ☐ K 7 (7, 6, 6, 5, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4) rnds
- ☐ Rep last 8 (8, 7, 7, 6, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5) rnds until 52 (52, 54, 54, 56, 56, 58, 58, 60, 60) sts rem
- ☐ Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 40 (43, 43, 43, 43, 44, 44, 45, 45, 45) cm from underarm
- ☐ Change to 3.25mm dpns and work in single rib until Sleeve meas 43 (46, 46, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48, 48, 48) cm
- ☐ Cast off in rib
- ☐ Rep for second Sleeve

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Block lightly. Graft underarm seams together using Kitchener stitch (see page 97). See ball band for further care instructions **LK**

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## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Hat:** to fit an average adult head, circumference 55-58cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran, shades (A) 37 Navy, five 50g balls, (B) 60 Natural, two 50g balls, Red DK or aran yarn, small amount

**Needles:** 3.75mm, 4.5mm, both circular, 4.5mm, double-pointed, set of four

**Stitch marker**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 20 sts x 26 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 5mm needles

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## ABOUT THE YARN

**Rico Essentials Soft Merino Aran** is a 100% superwash wool with good stitch definition, making it a good choice for colourwork. It is also warm, machine washable and available in a diverse colour palette that includes modern neutrals and greys, as well as bright shades and pastels. This yarn has an RRP of £5.39 per 50g (90m) ball. Visit [rico-design.de](http://rico-design.de) for stockists.

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Any aran-weight wool yarn would work well for this pattern. Check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.

## Two-needle TRICK

These patterns are designed to be knitted in the round on a circular needle, but if you would prefer to use two needles instead, you can adapt the pattern. When casting on, add two extra stitches for the hat and the cowl, to give you a bit of seam allowance, as you will have to join the two edges of the knitted fabric; remember to take extra stitches into account, adding one extra on each end when following the chart. When using two needles, you read charts from right to left on RS (knit) rows and from left to right on WS (purl) rows.

# Nordic HAT and COWL

TEST OUT YOUR STRANDING SKILLS WITH SUSIE JOHNS' CLASSIC TWO-COLOUR FAIR ISLE

This accessory duo is a must if you're going skiing or tobogganing – but the double-layer cowl and triple-layer hat brim will keep you toasty warm even if you're just braving a light fall of snow to walk to the local shop. The knitted ski cap, with its Nordic design, is an absolute classic, especially when paired with this circular scarf.

The simple two-colour Fair Isle pattern is easy to do – honestly – and any untidy strands on the back of the work are hidden inside.



Matching SET!



## Start knitting here...

### Hat

#### BRIM

Using 3.75mm circular needle and yarn A, cast on 96 sts, join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

□ Rnds 1-18: (k1, p1) to end

Change to 4.5mm circular needle  
□ Rnds 19-34: work from Chart 1 working 16-st rep six times across rnd

□ Rnds 35-38: cont in yarn A only, k to end

Change to 3.75mm circular needle

□ Rnds 39-58: (k1, p1) to end

□ Rnd 59: sl 1 wyib, yfwd, return slipped st to left needle, turn work inside out

**NOTE: for remainder of Hat, RS of section just completed is now WS of work, this allows folded brim to show correctly at end**

#### Main section

Change to 4.5mm circular needle  
□ Rnds 1-32: work Rows 1-32 of Chart 2, working 32-st rep three times across rnd

□ Rnds 33-36: cont in yarn A only, k to end

#### Shape top

Switch to 4.5mm dpns as necessary

□ Rnd 1: (k6, k2tog) to end. 84 sts  
□ Rnd 2 and foll even-numbered rnds: k to end

□ Rnd 3: (k5, k2tog) to end. 72 sts

□ Rnd 5: (k4, k2tog) to end. 60 sts

□ Rnd 7: (k3, k2tog) to end. 48 sts

□ Rnd 9: (k2, k2tog) to end. 36 sts

□ Rnd 11: (k1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts

□ Rnd 12: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### Cowl

Using 4.5mm circular needle and yarn A, cast on 144 sts

Join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

□ Rnds 1-20: k to end

□ Rnds 21-36: work from Chart 1, working 16-st rep nine times across rnd

□ Rnds 37-52: work from Chart 1 beg with sts 9-16, working 16-st rep eight times and ending with sts 1-8

□ Rnds 53-84: rep Rnds 21-52 once more

□ Rnds 85-100: rep Rnds 21-36 once more

□ K 19 rnds in yarn A

□ Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all yarn ends. For Hat, make two tassels in red yarn. For each tassel, cut 40 strands of yarn 30cm long and three strands 50cm long. Lay bundle

of shorter strands across centre of three longer strands and tie longer strands tightly around bundle. Fold short strands in half, cut a short length of yarn and use this to tie around bundle close to top to form 'head' of tassel. Take ends of long strands and divide into three pairs. Plait these and knot ends together. Attach to top of hat. Pull up yarn end on top of hat to gather stitches around end of plait and fasten off. Trim tassel ends to neaten. To form hat brim, fold up lower strip of ribbing, then fold up Fair Isle band. For cowl, using yarn A, join cast-on and cast-off edges LK



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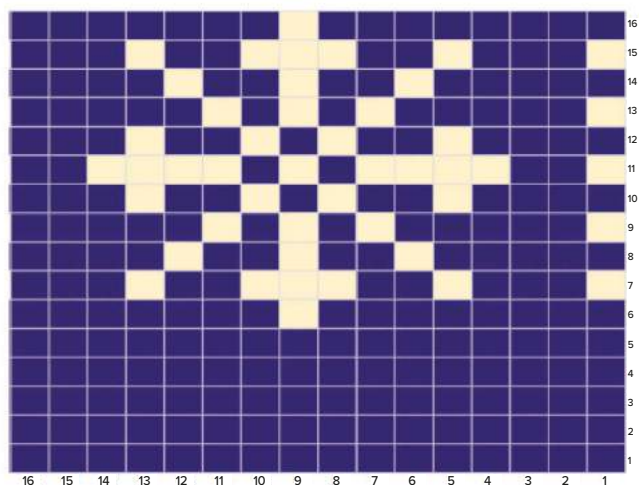


**Fair Isle knitting is easier than many people**

**think – and pretty quick, too, when you use a nice thick aran yarn. Choose your own combination of colours – two for the hat and scarf and a bright contrast for the cute tassels."**

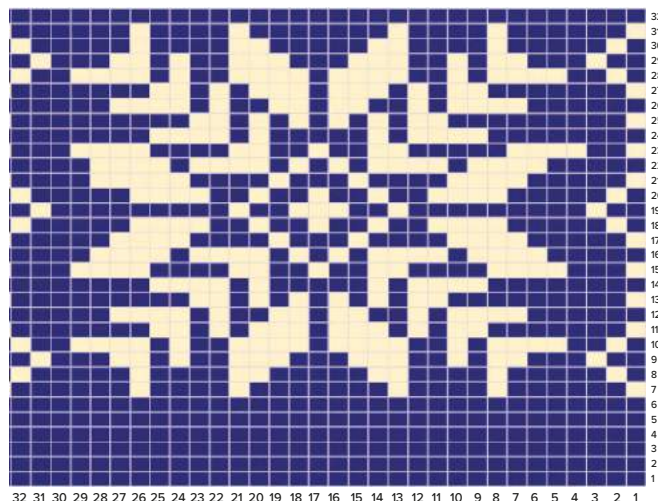
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CHART 1



YARN KEY ■ Yarn A □ Yarn B

CHART 2





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# Hearts Yoke Fair Isle SWEATER

TIMELESS SCANDI ELEGANCE IS ALL YOURS  
IN ANNIKEN ALLIS'S SEASONAL KNIT

This is the kind of festive jumper we adore – it's just so classy with its delicate two-colour rib and minimalist yoke pattern that you can wear it anytime and anywhere. It's only when you look closer you recognise the festive heart decorations hanging from ribbons! This design is also very Nordic in that it is knitted from the top down and in the round, making sewing up much easier. Working in this way means that the short Fair Isle chart is read from right to left and every round is knit, so it's jingle all the way!

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Dress size (approx):** 8-10 (12-14, 16-18, 20-22)

**To fit chest (cm):** 86 (97, 107, 117)

**Actual chest (cm):** 88 (99, 109, 119)

**Length (cm):** 57 (58, 59.5, 61.5)

**Sleeve length to underarm (cm):** 43, (44, 45, 46)

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** McIntosh MY BFL 4ply, shades (A) MY Heart, 1 (1, 1, 1) 100g skein, (B) MY Innocence, 2 (3, 4, 4) 100g skeins

**Needles:** 3mm (40cm, 80cm, 100cm) circular and double-pointed

**Stitch markers**

**Waste yarn**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 26 sts x 35 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3mm needles

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## ABOUT THE YARN

McIntosh MY BFL 4ply is fully accredited pure Bluefaced Leicester British wool that is hand-dyed to order. This fine and beautiful yarn comes in a choice of 24 colours of semi-solid shades grouped into vivals, bords, pastels and neutrals to find your perfect colour combination. Rewind each hank into a ball before getting started and hand wash your knits to preserve them. It costs £22.50 per 100g (400m) skein from [knitmcintosh.com](http://knitmcintosh.com)

"Knitting your sweater in a quality yarn like this one ensures that it will look and feel beautiful, and also last forever."

LK Content Writer, Jodie Sheehan





Start  
knitting  
here...

**YOKE**

Using 3mm (40cm) circular  
needle and yarn A, cast on 150  
(154, 158, 162) sts, join in the rnd  
taking care to not twist sts, pm for  
beg of rnd

**NOTE:** letter foll instruction

indicates shade in corrugated rib

☐ Rnds 1-6: \* k1 A, p1 B, rep from  
\* to end

Change to yarn B

- Rnd 7: k to end

## Shape back neck

☐ Row 1 (RS): k15, turn

□ Row 2 (WS): sl 1 wyif and wrap st [see panel on German Short Rows], p104 (106, 108, 110), turn

□ Row 3: sl 1 wyif and wrap st, k to four sts before double st, turn

□ Row 4: sl 1 wyif and wrap st, p to four sts before double st. turn

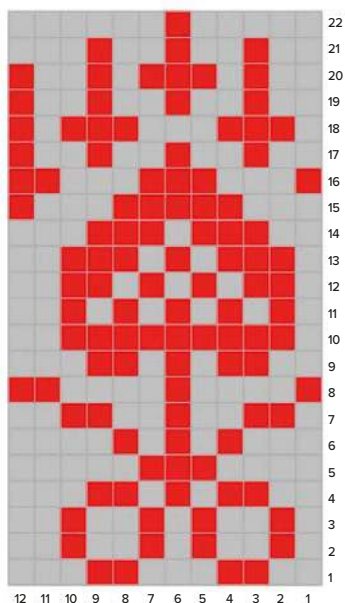
☐ Rep last two rows twice more

□ Row 9: sl 1 wyif and wrap st,  
k to m

**NOTE:** beg to work in the rnd

□ Next rnd: k to end working  
double sts as one. 150 (154, 158,  
162) sts

## CHART



**YARN KEY**  Yarn A  
 Yarn B



*Festive*  
**DESIGN**

"Make this your smartest ever Christmas jumper with a glamorous skirt or posh trousers!"



## German SHORT ROWS

This technique is great for creating neat shaping. Work to the turning point and turn your work ready for the next row. With the yarn in front, slip the first stitch purlwise then wrap the stitch by taking the working yarn over the right needle and pulling up on the stitch until the stitch from the previous row pulls across the needle. This will look like a strange double stitch. Work this stitch as directed, keeping the yarn taught. When you come across a double stitch, treat this as one stitch and knit the strands together. Visit [bit.ly/ahagermanshortrows](http://bit.ly/ahagermanshortrows) for Anniken's tutorial on this technique.

**NOTE:** change to longer circular needles as needed

### Increase rnd 1

- First size only: [k3, m1] to end. 200 (-, -, -) sts
- Second size only: [k2, m1, (k3, m1, k2, m1) 15 times] twice. - (216, -, -) sts
- Third size only: [k2, m1, (k3, m1, k2, m1) 15 times, k2, m1] twice. - (-, 222, -) sts
- Fourth size only: [k3, m1, (k2, m1, k3, m1) 15 times, k3, m1] twice. - (-, -, 226) sts

### All sizes

Cont in st st without shaping until back yoke meas 7 (7.5, 8, 9) cm

### Increase rnd 2

- First size only: [k4, m1, (k3, m1) seven times] eight times. 264 sts
- Second size only: [(k3, m1) three times, (k2, m1) nine times] eight times. 312 sts
- Third size only: [k1, m1, (k2, m1) 18 times] six times. 336 sts
- Fourth size only: [(k1, m1) four times, (k2, m1) 26 times, (k1, m1) five times, (k2, m1) 26 times] twice. 348 sts

### All sizes

- K one rnd

### Place chart

- Work Rnds 1-22 of Chart
- Cont in yarn B only
- K one rnd

### Increase rnd 3

- First size only: [(k4, m1) twice, (k3, m1) seven times, k4, m1] eight times. 344 sts
- Second size only: [(k3, m1) four times, (k4, m1) 33 times, (k3, m1) four times] twice. 394 sts
- Third size only: [(k4, m1) twice, (k3, m1) 10 times, k4, m1] eight times. 440 sts
- Fourth size only: [(k2, m1) four times, (k3, m1) 26 times, (k2, m1) five times, (k3, m1) 26 times] twice. 470 sts

### All sizes

- Cont in st st without shaping until back yoke meas 26 (27, 28.5, 30) cm

### Divide for body and sleeves

**NOTE:** remove original marker during next rnd, use cable or two-needle cast-on method turning work to WS to cast on then turn back to RS to cont

- Next rnd: k to last 34 (40, 45, 47) sts, place next 68 (80, 90, 94) sts on waste yarn for Sleeve, cast on 5 (6, 6, 7), pm to mark beg of rnd, cast on 5 (6, 6, 7), k104 (117, 130, 141) for back, place next 68 (80, 90, 94) sts on waste yarn for Sleeve, cast on 5 (6, 6, 7), pm to mark side, cast on 5 (6, 6, 7), k104 (117, 130, 141) for front. 228 (258, 284, 310) sts
- Cont in st st until body meas 34 (35, 36.5, 37.5) cm from back neck

### Shape waist

- Next rnd (dec): [k26 (30, 33, 36), ssk, pm, k58 (65, 72, 79), pm, k2tog, k26 (30, 33, 36), sm] twice. 224 (254, 280, 306) sts
- Work five rnds in st st
- Next rnd (dec): [k to two sts before m, ssk, sm, k58 (65, 72, 79), sm, k2tog, k to m] twice. 220 (250, 276, 302) sts
- Rep last six rnds as set twice more. 212 (242, 268, 294) sts
- Work ten rnds in st st
- Next rnd: [k to m, m1, sm, k58 (65, 72, 79), sm, m1, k to m] twice. 216 (246, 272, 298) sts
- Work five rnds in st st
- Rep last six rnds three times more. 228 (258, 284, 310) sts
- Cont in st st without shaping until body meas 53 (54, 55.5, 57.5) cm from back neck



Sleeve meas 39 (40, 41, 42) cm

**NOTE:** letter foll instruction indicates shade in corrugated rib

- Rnds 1-12: \* k1 A, p1 B, rep from \* to end
- Using yarn A, cast off loosely in rib

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- Using yarn A, cast off loosely in rib

### SLEEVES

- Using 3mm dpns or circular needles and yarn B, return to 68 (80, 90, 94) sts for first Sleeve, with RS facing and beg in the centre of underarm, pick up and k 5 (6, 6, 7) sts, k68 (80, 90, 94) Sleeve sts, pick up and k 5 (6, 6, 7) sts from underarm. 78 (92, 102, 108) sts.
- Work in st st until Sleeve meas 5cm from underarm

### Shape sleeve

- Next rnd: k1, k2tog, k to last three sts, ssk, k1. 76 (90, 100, 106) sts
- Cont in st st dec as set every 5th (7th, 6th, 6th) rows 12 (17, 20, 20) times. 52 (56, 60, 66) sts.
- Cont without shaping until

### To make up

Weave in all loose ends. Block or steam to measurements **LK**

## great ADVICE



"Knitting a sweater from the top down means you can try it on to check fit as you go. I recommend you do this after you've finished the yoke (before you split for sleeves and body), and again before you start the rib on the body and sleeves."

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# Holly Jolly CHRISTMAS

BRING SOME FESTIVE CHEER TO YOUR HOME WITH  
NICOLA VALIJI'S ROBIN WREATH

We absolutely love a wreath at Christmas time here at LK HQ, and this one scores ten out of ten with us! Not only does the willow base save time by removing the need to make a cover, but it also adds to that natural, homely aesthetic, making it a wonderful choice for this festive dec. Featuring varying shades of holly leaves and juicy berries, a chirpy robin and a cheerful bell, this delightful decoration is a must-make this year!

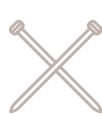




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DK YARN



4MM NEEDLES

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Diameter: 25cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1824 Cypress, (B) 1246 Lipstick, (C) 1826 Kelly Green, (D) 1822 Pistachio, (E) 1114 Sunshine, (F) 1001 White, (G) 1064 Mocha, one 100g ball of each, Black yarn, small amount

**Needles:** 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Willow wreath:** 25cm

**Glue**

**Ribbon:** gingham, 20cm

## TENSION SQUARE

■ 22 sts x 30 rows

■ 10cm x 10cm

■ Stocking stitch

■ 4mm needles

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## ABOUT THE YARN

**Stylecraft Special DK** is a versatile 100% acrylic yarn that comes in more than 90 shades. It's machine washable, making it nice and easy to care for, and it's also anti-pilling. It has an RRP of £2.30 per 100g (295m) ball. Visit [stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://stylecraft-yarns.co.uk) for stockists.

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Any DK yarn would work well for this project. Take a stash dive or check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.



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YARN SHOP IS  
A GREAT PLACE  
TO BUY ALL  
YOUR KNITTY  
ESSENTIALS  
FIND YOURS  
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## Start knitting here...

### LEAVES (make 12)

**NOTE: make four each in yarns A, C and D**

Using 4mm needles, cast on three sts

□ Row 1 (WS): k1, p1, k1

□ Row 2: k to end

□ Row 3: as Row 1

□ Row 4: k1, m1, k1, m1, k1.

Five sts

□ Row 5: k1, p to last st, k1

□ Row 6: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2.

Seven sts

□ Row 7: as Row 5

□ Row 8: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3.

Nine sts

□ Row 9: as Row 5

□ Row 10: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4.

11 sts

□ Row 11: cast off three sts, p

to last st, k1. Eight sts

□ Row 12: cast off three sts,

k1, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts

□ Row 13: as Row 5.

□ Row 14: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3.

Nine sts

□ Row 15: as Row 5.

□ Row 16: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4.

11 sts

□ Row 17: as Row 5.

□ Row 18: k5, m1, k1, m1, k5.

13 sts

□ Row 19: cast off four sts, p

to last st, k1. Nine sts

□ Row 20: cast off four sts, k

to end. Five sts

□ Row 21: as Row 5.

□ Row 22: k1, sl 1, k2tog,

psso, k1. Three sts

□ Row 23: p1, p2tog. Two sts

□ Row 24: k to end

□ Cast off

### BERRY (make 15)

Using 4mm needles and

yarn B, cast on four sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k to end

□ Row 2: p to end

□ Row 3: k to end

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail,

thread through rem sts, pull

tight and fasten off

## Robin

### BACK

Using 4mm needles and

yarn G, cast on six sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k to end

□ Row 2: p to end

□ Row 3: k1, m1, k to last st,

m1, k1. Eight sts

□ Row 4: p to end

□ Rows 5-8: rep Rows 3-4

twice more. 12 sts

□ Row 9: (kfb, k2) to end.

16 sts

□ Rows 10-18: beg with a p

(WS) row work in st st

□ Row 19: k2, (k2tog) six

times, k2. Ten sts

□ Rows 20-24: beg with a p

(WS) row work in st st

□ Row 25: k2tog, k to last two

sts, k2tog. Eight sts

□ Row 26: p to end

□ Row 27: (k2tog) to end.

Four sts

□ Row 28: p to end

□ Cast off

### FRONT

Using 4mm needles and

yarn F, cast on six sts

□ Rows 1-9: work as for Back.

16 sts

□ Row 10: p to end

□ Row 11: k6, (kfb) four times,

k6. 20 sts

□ Row 12: p to end

Change to yarn B

□ Row 13: k to end

□ Row 14: p to end

□ Row 15: k2tog, k to last two

sts, k2tog. 18 sts

□ Row 16: p to end

□ Rows 17-26: rep Rows 15-16

five times more. Eight sts

□ Row 27: k2tog, k to last two

sts, k2tog. Six sts

□ Row 28: p2tog, p2, p2tog.

Four sts

□ Cast off





"The robin and bell would also make great Christmas tree decorations!"

LK Content Writer, **Jodie Sheehan**

- ☐ Row 15: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

## Bell

Using 4mm needles and yarn G, cast on six sts

- ☐ Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 12 sts
  - ☐ Row 2: p to end
  - ☐ Row 3: (kfb) to end. 24 sts
  - ☐ Row 4: p to end
- Change to yarn E
- ☐ Rows 5-9: k to end
  - ☐ Row 10: p to end
  - ☐ Row 11: (k2, k2tog) to end. 18 sts

☐ Rows 12-19: beg with a p (WS) row work in st st

☐ Row 20: (p2tog) to end.

Nine sts

☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## CLAPPER

Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on three sts

- ☐ Row 1: (kfb) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Row 2: p to end
- ☐ Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. Nine sts
- ☐ Row 4: p to end
- ☐ Row 5: k1, (k2tog) to end.

Five sts

☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## BOW

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on five sts

- ☐ K every row until piece meas 36cm
- ☐ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Make Robin by sewing Front to Back, stuffing firmly as you go. Sew each Wing to side of body. Sew Tail to bottom of Robin. Using black yarn embroider eyes. Use yarn E to make a beak by sewing small loops. Make

Berries by sewing around row edges and cast-on edge and pulling tightly to make round shape. Make Bell by gathering up cast-on stitches to form a circle, then sew up row edges, stuffing as you go. Make Clapper by gathering up and sewing around row edges and cast-on edge, stuffing lightly, and pulling it tightly to make round shape. Sew Clapper to bottom of Bell. Attach Bow to top of wreath with Bell hanging underneath. Glue Leaves and Berries to bottom of wreath. Place Robin in middle of Leaves and glue. Make hanging loop from ribbon and sew to back of wreath **LK**

## Perfecting POSITIONING

Take care when making up this project as the overall look is very much dependent on this step. First fix everything in place temporarily using pins. Don't be afraid to rearrange several times until you're completely happy. A glue gun is a super easy way to secure them permanently, but if you don't have one, PVA will do the trick. Just be sure to leave the wreath flat until the glue is completely dry before hanging it up to make sure nothing slips down. Finally, you may end up with a few stringy bits of glue visible, especially if you used a gun. These are easy enough to remove (simply snip them with some scissors!) but can make a big difference to the final look.

### TAIL

Using 4mm needles and yarn G, cast on six sts

- ☐ Rows 1-8: k to end
- ☐ Cast off

### WING (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn G, cast on nine sts

- ☐ Rows 1-9: k to end
- ☐ Row 10: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- ☐ Row 11: k to end
- ☐ Row 12: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Five sts
- ☐ Row 13: k to end
- ☐ Row 14: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts





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## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Mittens:** 8cm long

**Sweetie:** 7cm diameter

**Snowman:** 10cm tall with hat

**Fir tree:** 11cm tall

**Mushrooms:** 4cm tall x 5cm diameter

**Bunting:** 4cm deep x 1m long

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Rico Ricorumi, shades (A) 002 Cream, (B) 029 Wine Red, (C) 049 Green, (D) 026 Tangerine, (E) 006 Yellow, (F) 050 Fir Green, one 25g ball of each

**Needles:** 3mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Waste yarn**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Beads:** black, two small, two medium (optional: use sequins instead, or secure sequins using beads)

**Buttons:** star-shaped, three white, one red, one gold

**Diamantés:** approx eight per toadstool

**Silver thread**

**Baker's twine**

## TENSION SQUARE

■ 22 sts x 32 rows

■ 10cm x 10cm

■ Stocking stitch

■ 3mm needles

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## ABOUT THE YARN

**Rico Ricorumi** is a 100% cotton mini-ball yarn that is perfect for making smaller projects like little toys and characters. It's available in an enormous range of shades, making it perfect for playing with colour and can be washed at 30°C. It has an RRP of £1.39 per 25g (58m) ball. Visit [rico-designs.de](http://rico-designs.de) for stockists.

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Any DK yarn from your stash would work well for these makes, or you can check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.

# Deck the HALLS

UPGRADE YOUR TIRED TINSEL AND BAUBLES TO THESE CHARACTERFUL LITTLE DECS

BY LUCINDA GANDERTON!

This array of festive adornments is certain to evoke an 'ooh!' and an 'aah!' from any visitor – you'll be winning that friendly neighbourhood decorations competition for sure! Lucinda Ganderton is treating us to six different designs, all full of fun and crying out to be hung pride of place on your Christmas tree. We've got a delightful pair of mini mittens, a classic Christmas sweetie, a friendly bobble-hatted snowman, smart little fir tree, some enchanting twinkly toadstools and a line of colourful bunting. Which will you make first?!

Start knitting here...

## Snowman

### HEAD

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k1, (m1, k1) six times, k1. 14 sts

□ Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: p to end

□ Row 3: k1, (m1, k2) six times, k1. 20 sts

□ Row 5: k1, (m1, k3) six times, k1. 26 sts

□ Row 7: k1, (k2tog, k2) six times, k1. 20 sts

□ Row 9: k1, (k2tog, k1) six times, k1. 14 sts

□ Row 11: k1, (k2tog) six times, k1. Eight sts

□ Row 12: p to end

□ Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### BODY

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on eight sts

□ Rows 1-6: work as for Head

□ Row 7: k1, (m1, k4) six times, k1. 32 sts

□ Row 8 and all even-numbered rows: p to end

□ Row 9: k1, (m1, k5) six times, k1. 38 sts

□ Rows 10-14: cont in st st

□ Row 15: k1, (k2tog, k4) six times, k1. 32 sts

□ Row 17: k1, (k2tog, k3) six times, k1. 26 sts

□ Rows 19-24: work as for

Rows 7-12 of Head

□ Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### HAT

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 30 sts

□ Rows 1-4: (k1, p1) to end

□ Row 5 (RS): k1, (k2tog) 14 times, k1. 16 sts

□ Rows 6-8: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

□ Row 9: k1, (k2tog) seven times, k1. Nine sts

□ Row 10: p to end

□ Row 11: k1, (k2tog) four times. Five sts

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### SCARF

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on three sts

□ Row 1: k to end

□ Row 2: sl 1 pwise wyif, yb, k2

□ Rep Row 2 until scarf meas 15cm

□ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

For Head and Body, pass needle through final stitches once more to make a double loop and pull up tightly, then join side seams halfway. Stuff, then complete seam, adding a little more filling as you go, then gather up cast-on stitches

and fasten off. Stitch Head to Body. Gather up final stitches on Hat and join side seams, fit onto Head at a slight angle and stitch in place. Make a tiny pompom from yarn D and sew to top. Stitch a hanging loop of baker's twine just behind pompom. Wrap Scarf in place then use yarn tails to secure ends to Body. Sew on two black beads or sequins for eyes and two on tummy for buttons.

## Toadstool

(make three)

### TOP

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 26 sts

□ Row 1 (RS): k to end

## Short ROWS

Short-row shaping is great for adding subtle curves and can be almost invisible on your finished make.

To do it, you turn your knitting partway through the row and carry on back along the stitches you've just worked. This means some sections will have more rows than others.

For a neater finish, you can wrap the stitch that's at the turning point (w&t). Find out how to work this abbreviation on page 97.



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"These would make lovely little gifts for friends and family, and can be brought out year after year as prized decorations!"

LK Content Writer,  
Jodie Sheehan



- ☐ Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: p to end
- ☐ Row 3: k1, (k2, k2tog) six times, k1. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 5: k to end
- ☐ Row 7: k1, (k1, k2tog) six times, k1. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 9: k1, (k2tog) six times, k1. Eight sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### Underside

Using yarn A and with RS facing, pick up and k 26 sts along cast on edge

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): k to end
- ☐ Rows 2-5: (k1, p1) to end
- ☐ Row 6: k1, (k2tog) 12 times, k1. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 7: p1, (p2tog) six times, p1. Eight sts

### Stalk

- ☐ Rows 8-9: p to end
- ☐ Row 10 (RS): k to end
- ☐ Row 11: p to end
- ☐ Row 12: k1, (m1, k2) three times, k1. 11 sts
- ☐ Row 13: p to end
- ☐ Rows 14-15: k to end
- ☐ Row 16: k1, (k2tog) five times. Six sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Pass yarn end once more through stitches to make a double loop, pull up and secure. Join side edges of Stalk and stuff, then join edges of the Underside and fasten off. Stuff Top then pass other yarn tail back through last eight stitches once more in a loop and secure. Join side edges of Top and secure seam. Push needle up through centre top, down through centre base and back up to top to pull Toadstool into shape and fasten off. Stitch a scattering of diamantés over top and add a hanging loop of silver thread at centre.

## Mittens

(make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 24 sts

- ☐ Rows 1-6: (k1, p1) to end
- ☐ Cut yarn B
- ☐ Work foll in two-row stripe sequence throughout: two rows in yarn A, two rows in yarn C
- ☐ Row 7: k to end
- ☐ Row 8 and foll even-numbered rows: p to end
- ☐ Row 9: k10, m1, k4, m1, k10. 26 sts
- ☐ Row 11: k10, m1, k6, m1, k10. 28 sts
- ☐ Row 13: k10, put next eight sts on waste yarn, k10 from left needle. 20 sts
- ☐ Rows 15-18: beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- ☐ Row 19: k to end
- ☐ Row 20: (p1, p2tog, p4, p2tog tbl, p1) twice. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 21: k to end
- ☐ Row 22: (p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog tbl, p1) twice. 12 sts
- ☐ Cut yarn C
- ☐ Row 23: k to end
- ☐ Row 24: (p1, p2tog, p2tog tbl, p1) twice. Eight sts
- ☐ Cut yarn A leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### Thumb

- ☐ Transfer eight sts back onto needle
- ☐ Cont in two-row stripe sequence shaping as folls:
  - ☐ Row 1: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. Ten sts
  - ☐ Row 2: p to end
- ☐ Cut yarn C and cont in yarn A only
- ☐ Row 3: k to end
- ☐ Row 4: p1, (p2tog, p2tog tbl) twice, p1. Six sts
- ☐ Cut yarn A leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Pass end of yarn at thumb back through stitches in a loop and draw up. Join side edges. Fasten off top of mitten in same way, then join side edges. Sew the two mittens together with a short length of baker's twine attached to outside edge of cuff.

## Sweetie

### HEADER SIDE

(make two)

- ☐ Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts
- ☐ \*\* Rows 1-2: k10
- ☐ Row 3: k8, w&t
- ☐ Row 4: k8
- ☐ Row 5: k6, w&t



- ☐ Row 6: k6
- ☐ Row 7: k4, w&t
- ☐ Row 8: k4
- ☐ Row 9: k2, w&t
- ☐ Row 10: k2
- ☐ Change to yarn B
- ☐ Rows 11-20: rep Rows 1-10
- ☐ Change to yarn A \*\*
- ☐ Rows 21-100: rep from \*\* to \*\* four more times
- ☐ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Join cast-on and cast-off edges and gather centre. Join Side edges, matching red and white sections. Leave a 4cm gap, stuff lightly, then close gap. Stitch one white button to each side through centre, pulling them in to flatten out shape. Sew a loop of baker's twine to top.

## Tree

### SIDE (make two)

- ☐ Using 3mm needles and yarn F, cast on 20 sts
- ☐ Rows 1-2: k to end
- ☐ Rows 3-4: k to last four sts, k2tog, k2. 18 sts
- ☐ Rows 5-28: rep rows 1-4 until four sts rem
- ☐ Row 29: k1, k2tog, k1. Three sts
- ☐ Row 30: sl 1, k2tog, psso. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

### TRUNK

Using 3mm needles and yarn D cast on nine sts

- ☐ Rows 1-8: work in st st
- ☐ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Join Sides at edges and stuff lightly. Roll up Trunk and slip stitch loose edge down, then pin to inside centre of bottom edge. Sew two bottom edges together. Stitch three buttons (white, red, gold) to Tree and add a hanging loop of baker's twine to top.

## Bunting

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on three sts

- ☐ Row 1: k to end
- ☐ \*\* Row 2: k2, m1, k1. Four sts
- ☐ Row 3: k to end
- ☐ Row 4: k2, m1, k to end. Five sts
- ☐ Rep Rows 3-4 until you have 12 sts
- ☐ Cast off nine sts, k to end. Three sts \*\*
- ☐ Working in colour sequence D, E, F, A, B rep from \*\* to \*\* until 20 flags have been worked, casting off all sts of final flag

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends LK

## great ADVICE



"Short dpns are the easiest needles to use when knitting tiny items like these."

LK DESIGNER,  
Lucinda Ganderton

## Next issue

### QUICK KNITTED CHRISTMAS CARDS BY NICOLA VALIJI

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**RED COLLARED LONGLINE COAT**, £22, [direct.asda.com](http://direct.asda.com)



**NAILBERRY L'OXYGÉNÉ OXYGENATED NAIL LACQUER**, shade Pop My Berry, £9.50, [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com)

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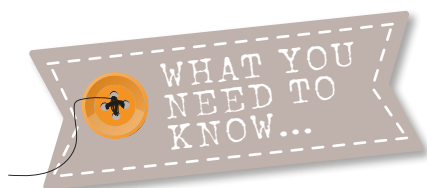
This happy chappy is here to spread a little joy, whether you make him as a characterful addition to your Christmas window display, or present him as a new companion to a lucky little one. Dressed to the nines in his delightful hat and colourwork jumper, this little fella is more accurately known as a tomte, a Scandinavian mythological character reputed to protect the farmer and his family and ward off misfortune, especially at night time. With his lovely fluffy beard and lucky credentials, Floki will certainly make a very welcome new addition to the family!



# Floki the SCANDI GNOME

MAKE A NEW FRIEND IN VAL PIERCE'S CHEERFUL MYSTICAL CREATURE





GREAT FOR IMPROVERS



DK YARN



3.75MM, 4MM NEEDLES

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

35cm tall

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Deramores Studio DK, shades (A) 70006 Ruby, one 100g ball, (B) 70030 Slate, (C) 70026 Smoke, (D) 70057 Rosé, one 100g ball of each, (E) King Cole Luxury Fur, shade 4200 White, one 100g ball

**Needles:** 3.75mm, 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Safety stuffing**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 20 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.75mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Deramores Studio DK** is a practical acrylic yarn with anti-pilling properties. Available in an enormous number of shades, this yarn costs £2.10 per 100g (250m) ball from [deramores.com](http://deramores.com)

**King Cole Luxury Fur** is a nylon and acrylic mix that creates a wonderful faux fur finish. It should be washed by hand and has an RRP of £5.40-£6.49 per 100g (92m) ball. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists.

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

Check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.

## LUCKY THEM!

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## Start knitting here...

## BODY AND HEAD

**NOTE:** worked in one piece from the bottom up

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Row 1 and all odd-numbered rows: p to end
- Row 2 (RS): kfb in each st. 24 sts
- Row 4: \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
- Row 6: \* k2, kfb, rep from \* to end. 48 sts
- Rows 7-11: beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 12: \* k3, kfb, rep from \* to end. 60 sts
- Rows 13-15: work three rows in st st
- Row 16: \* k4, kfb, rep from \* to end. 72 sts
- Rows 17-21: work five rows in st st
- Row 22: \* k5, kfb, rep from \* to end. 84 sts
- Rows 23-27: work five rows in st st

**NOTE:** letter foll instruction indicates shade

- Row 28: \* k2 A, k1 B, rep from \* to end
- Rows 29-31: using yarn A, work three rows in st st
- Row 32: \* k3 A, k1 B, rep from \* to end
- Row 33: p2 B, p1 A, \* p3 B, p1 A, rep from \* to last st, p1 B

Cut yarn A, cont in yarn B only

- Rows 34-37: work four rows in st st
- Row 38: \* k5, skpo, rep from \* to end. 72 sts
- Rows 39-41: work three rows in st st
- Row 42: \* k3 B, k1 C, rep from \* to end
- Row 43: p2 C, p1 B, \* p3 C, p1 B, rep from \* to last st, p1 C
- Row 44: \* k3 B, k1 C, rep from \* to end
- Cont in yarn B only
- Rows 45-47: work three rows in st st
- Row 48: \* k4, skpo, rep from \* to end. 60 sts
- Row 49: p to end
- Row 50: \* k3 B, k1 C, rep from \* to end
- Row 51: p2 C, p1 B, \* p3 C, p1 B, rep from \* to last st, p1 C

- Cut yarn B, cont in yarn C only
- Rows 52-55: work four rows in st st
- Row 56: \* k3, skpo, rep from \* to end. 48 sts
- Row 57: p to end
- Row 58: \* k2, skpo, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
- Row 59: p to end
- Change to yarn D
- Rows 60-63: work four rows in st st
- Row 64: \* k2, kfb, rep from \* to end. 48 sts
- Row 65: p to end
- Row 66: \* k3, kfb, rep from \* to end. 60 sts
- Row 67: p to end
- Row 68: \* k4, kfb, rep from \* to end. 72 sts

- Rows 69-75: work seven rows in st st
  - Row 76: \* k4, skpo, rep from \* to end. 60 sts
  - Rows 77-81: work five rows in st st
  - Row 82: \* k3, skpo, rep from \* to end. 48 sts
  - Rows 83-85: work three rows in st st
  - Row 86: \* k2, skpo, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
  - Row 87: p to end
  - Row 88: \* k1, skpo, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - Row 89: p to end
  - Row 90: \* k2tog, rep from \* to end. 12 sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## BEARD

- Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on eight sts
- Row 1: p to end
- Row 2 (RS): kfb, k to last st, kfb. Ten sts
- Row 3: p to end
- Rep last two rows until you have 28 sts
- Cont in st st until work meas 10cm, ending after a p row

## Mouth and side pieces

- Next row: k9, cast off ten sts, k9
- Next row: p9, turn
- Work on these nine sts only
- Next row: k2tog, k to last st, kfb
- Next row: p to end
- Rep last two rows four





times more

☐ Cast off

Rejoin yarn to rem sts and complete to match first side reversing shaping

## NOSE

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn D, cast on nine sts

☐ Row 1: p to end

☐ Row 2 (RS): kfb in each st to end. 18 sts

☐ Rows 3-11: work nine rows in st st

☐ Row 12: \* k2tog, rep from \* to end. Nine sts

☐ Cast off

## HAT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 70 sts

☐ Rows 1-7: work seven rows in garter st

☐ Rows 8-9: beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

**NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates shade**

☐ Row 10 (RS): \* k1 A, k1 B, rep from \* to end

☐ Row 11: \* p1 A, p1 B, rep from \* to end

Cont in yarn B only

☐ Rows 12-15: work four rows in st st

☐ Row 16: \* k5, skpo, rep from \* to end. 60 sts

☐ Row 17: p to end

☐ Row 18: \* k3 B, k1 A, rep from \* to end

☐ Row 19: p2 A, p1 B, \* p3 A, p1 B, rep from \* to last st, p1 A

Cut yarn B, cont in yarn A only

☐ Rows 20-21: work two rows in st st

☐ Row 22: \* k4, skpo, rep from \* to end. 50 sts

☐ Rows 23-27: work five rows in st st

☐ Row 28: \* k3, skpo, rep from \* to end. 40 sts

☐ Rows 29-33: work five rows in st st

☐ Row 34: \* k2, skpo, rep from \* to end. 30 sts

☐ Row 35: p to end

☐ Row 36: \* k3 A, k1 C, rep from \* to last two sts, k2 A

☐ Row 37: p1 A, \* p3 C, p1 A, rep from \* to last st, p1 C

Cut yarn A, cont in yarn C only

☐ Rows 38-39: work two rows in st st

☐ Row 40: \* k1, skpo, rep from \* to end. 20 sts

## Faux Fur YARNS

Working with novelty yarns like the one used for the beard in this pattern can be tricky, as it's difficult to see your stitches and the yarn doesn't move as smoothly as regular yarns. A good way learn how the yarn behaves is to knit a swatch first before committing to the pattern to get a feel for the yarn and how to work it. Practise feeling for your stitches now that they are almost invisible and use blunt needles too, as it's all too easy to pierce through the core of a faux fur yarn and split it without realising!

☐ Rows 41-43: work three rows in st st

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## ARMS (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts

☐ Row 1: p to end

☐ Row 2 (RS): kfb, k to last st, kfb. Ten sts

☐ Row 3: p to end

☐ Rows 4-5: rep Rows 2-3 once more. 12 sts

Work in foll two-row stripe sequence: two rows yarn A, two rows yarn B

☐ Rows 6-11: rep Rows 2-3 three times more. 18 sts

Keeping stripe sequence correct, work shaping as folls:

☐ Cast on three sts at beg of next two rows. 24 sts

☐ Cont in st st for eight rows more, ending after a yarn B stripe Change to yarn D

☐ Next row: \* k2tog, k1, rep from \* to end. 16 sts

☐ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st

☐ Next row: \* k2tog, rep from \* to end. Eight sts

Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## FEET (make two)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on 12 sts

☐ Row 1: p to end

☐ Row 2 (RS): \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 18 sts

☐ Rows 3-11: work nine rows in st st

☐ Row 5: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 16 sts

☐ Row 6: p to end

☐ Rows 7-10: rep Rows 5-6 twice more. 12 sts

☐ Rows 11-12: work two rows in st st

☐ Row 13: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 14 sts

☐ Row 14: p to end

☐ Rows 15-18: rep Rows 13-14 twice more. 18 sts

☐ Rows 19-27: work nine rows in st st

☐ Row 28: \* k1, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 12 sts

☐ Row 29: p to end

☐ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew seam on Head and Body, matching colours, and stuff firmly before closing, taking care to get a nicely rounded shape. Sew side seams on Arms leaving top open, stuff firmly and sew to Body at shoulder height on either side. Sew side seams on Feet, leave back open and stuff lightly. Sew back seam. Attach to bottom of Body at slight angle to get gnome to stand up. Run a gathering thread all around outer edge of Nose, draw up and add a small amount of stuffing. Sew to face toward neck. Pin Beard in place under Nose and on each side of Head. Catch down top edges. Sew back seam on Hat, add stuffing to top of hat to keep its shape. Pull onto Head, making sure Hat covers sides of Beard and back of Head. Catch in place to Head all the way around **LK**

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## CUTE KITTEN POCKET SCARF BY VAL PIERCE

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3.25MM  
3.75MM, 4MM  
(STRAIGHT AND  
DPNS). 4.5MM





"With even numbers of red 'petals' and green leaves, this design looks its best when the parts are laid out neatly and symmetrically."

LK Acting Deputy Editor **Neti Love**

## Easy in AND OUT

An overlapping closure is possibly the simplest for a cushion and allows you to slip the cushion pad in and out, without the need for buttons or fasteners. For a neat finish and snug fit, when making up ensure that one edge covers the other, so only one is seen.

Having rib borders adds stretch, yet doesn't add much bulk and keeps the main focus on the cushion front.

□ Rows 76-163: cont in Dot patt for 88 rows more, ending with a p row

### Upper back

□ Row 164 (RS): k to end  
□ Row 165: p1, k to last st, p1  
□ Rows 166-221: rep last two rows 28 times more  
Change to 3.75mm needles  
□ Row 222 (RS): k to end  
□ Rows 223-233: beg with Row 1 (WS) work in rib patt as for Lower back for 11 rows  
□ Using 3.25mm needles, cast off in patt, leaving a 40cm yarn tail

### PIPING

Using 4mm dpns, yarn B and

thumb method, cast on one stitch

□ Row 1 (RS): yfwd, kfb. Three sts  
□ Work i-cord as folls: \* without turning, slide sts to other end of needle, pull yarn tight across back of work, k3, rep from \* until i-cord meas 146cm  
□ Cut yarn, leaving a 40cm tail, place sts on holder

### POINSETTIA BASE

Using 4mm dpns, yarn A and thumb method, cast on nine sts, distribute over three needles taking care not to twist sts, join for working in the rnd as folls:  
□ Rnd 1: sl 1 from RH to LH needle, pm for beg of rnd, k2tog tbl, (k1tbl) to end. Eight sts

□ Rnd 2: (kfb) to end. 16 sts  
□ Rnds 3-4: k to end  
□ Rnd 5: (kfb) to end. 32 sts  
□ Rnds 6-8: k to end  
□ Rnd 9: \* k1, kfb, rep from \* to end. 48 sts  
□ Rnds 10-11: k to end  
□ Cast-off loosely, leaving a 60cm yarn tail

### CENTRE

Using 4mm dpns, yarn E and thumb method, cast on 21 sts

□ Row 1 (RS): \* k1, MB, rep from \* to last st, k1. 21 sts (ten bobbles made)  
□ Row 2: (p2tog) to last stitch, p1. 11 sts  
□ Row 3: \* sl 2, k1, p2sso, k1, rep from \* to last three sts, sl 2, k1, p2sso. Five sts  
□ Row 4: p2tog, p1, p2tog. Three sts  
□ Row 5: sl 2, k1, p2sso, without turning slide st to other end of needle, MLB. One st  
□ Fasten off, leaving a 20cm yarn tail, thread cast-on tail onto a tapestry needle and sew right and left sides together to form a circle

### LEAF (make six)

Using 4.5mm needles, yarn D and thumb method, cast on 11 sts

□ Row 1 (RS): sl 1 wyib, k3, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k4. Nine sts  
□ Row 2: sl 1 wyib, k 1, m1r, k1, m1r, k1, p1, k1, m1l, k1, m1l, k2. 13 sts  
Change to 4mm needles  
□ Row 3: sl 1 wyib, k4, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k5. 11 sts  
□ Row 4: sl 1 wyib, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k2, p1, k2, m1l, k1, m1l, k2. 15 sts  
□ Row 5: sl 1 wyib, k5, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k6. 13 sts  
□ Row 6: sl 1 wyib, k1, m1r, k1, m1r, k3, p1, k3, m1l, k1, m1l, k2. 17 sts  
□ Row 7: sl 1 wyib, k6, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k7. 15 sts  
□ Row 8: sl 1 wyib, k1, m1r, k5, p1, k5, m1l, k2. 17 sts  
□ Rows 9-25: rep Rows 7-8 eight times more, then rep Row 7 once more  
□ Row 26: sl 1 wyib, k6, p1, k7  
□ Row 27: sl 1 wyib, k5, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k6. 13 sts  
□ Row 28: sl 1 wyib, k5, p1, k6  
□ Row 29: sl 1 wyib, k3, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k4. 11 sts  
□ Row 30: sl 1 wyib, k4, p1, k5  
□ Row 31: sl 1 wyib, k3, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k4. Nine sts





## great ADVICE



"Join in yarn on the right side of the knitting. Work to the last three stitches of the row, then twist the old and new yarns together with the new yarn tail on the left. Work as directed to the last stitch, then continue with just the new yarn. At the end, trim the yarn to 20cm and weave in the seam section."

LK DESIGNER, *Charmaine Fletcher*

- Row 32: sl 1 wyib, k3, p1, k4
- Row 33: sl 1 wyib, k2, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k3. Seven sts
- Row 34: sl 1 wyib, k2, p1, k3
- Row 35: sl 1 wyib, k1, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k2. Five sts
- Row 36: sl 1 wyib, k1, p1, k2
- Row 37: sl 1 wyib, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k1. Three sts
- Row 38: sl 2 wyib, k1, p2sso. One st
- Fasten off

### LARGE PETAL (make four)

Using 4mm needles, yarn B and the thumb method, cast on seven sts leaving a 20cm yarn tail

- Row 1 (RS): sl 1 wyib, k2, p1, k3
- Row 2: sl 1 wyib, k to end
- Row 3: sl 1 wyib, kfb, k1, p1, kfb, k2. Nine sts
- Row 4: sl 1 wyib, k to end
- Row 5: sl 1 wyib, kfb, k2, p1, k1, kfb, k2. 11 sts
- Row 6: sl 1 wyib, k to end
- Row 7: sl 1 wyib, kfb, k3, p1, k2, kfb, k2. 13 sts
- Row 8: sl 1 wyib, k to end
- Row 9: sl 1 wyib, kfb, k4, p1, k3, kfb, k2. 15 sts
- Row 10: sl 1 wyib, k to end
- Row 11: sl 1 wyib, k6, p1, k7
- Rows 12-23: rep Rows 10-11 six times more
- Row 24: sl 1 wyib, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 13 sts
- Row 25: sl 1 wyib, k5, p1, k6
- Row 26: sl 1 wyib, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 11 sts
- Row 27: sl 1 wyib, k4, p1, k to end
- Row 28: sl 1 wyib, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Nine sts

- Row 29: sl 1 wyib, k3, p1, k to end
- Row 30: sl 1 wyib, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
- Row 31: sl 1 wyib, k2, p1, k to end
- Row 32: sl 1 wyib, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Five sts
- Row 33: sl 1 wyib, k1, p1, k to end
- Row 34: sl 1 wyib, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k1. Three sts
- Row 35: sl 2 wyib, k1, p2sso. One st

Fasten off and weave in cast-off tail, do not trim cast-on tail, use for making up

### SMALL PETAL (make four)

Using 4mm needles, yarn C and the thumb method, cast on seven sts, leaving a 20cm yarn tail

- Rows 1-7: work as for Large Petal
  - Row 8: sl 1 wyib, k to end
  - Row 9: sl 1 wyib, k5, p1, k7
  - Rows 10-19: rep Rows 8-9 five times more
  - Rows 20-29: work as Rows 26-35 of Large Petal
- Fasten off and weave in cast-off tail, do not trim cast-on tail, use for making up

### TO MAKE UP

Block all pieces. Make up Poinsettia before attaching to Cover, using photo as a guide. Begin by pinning elements together to ensure positioning before sewing. Arrange four Large Petals in a cross, leaving a central aperture and taking care with

facing. Sew together along lower diagonal edge. Place face-down and position Small Petals over gaps. Secure along lower diagonal edges using yarn B. Place two Leaves face-down in six o'clock position by aligning central spines. Arrange remaining Leaves in pairs, aligning with corresponding petals. Sew Leaves together. Attach to Petals with a single stitch through centre of Petal in matching yarn. Attach flower centrally to Base. Place Centre over aperture, and secure to Base through flower, gently shape bobbles if necessary. Sew Centre to aperture edge. Set Poinsettia aside. To make up Cushion Cover, fold along edge of garter sections with wrong sides together, overlapping rib sections. Seam sides using mattress stitch.

Before adding piping, insert cushion pad, as stretch may be unpredictable. Pin piping while still on holder, starting at a bottom corner, taking the same stitch in the column each time to prevent a twist. Begin to sew Piping to Cover. When sewing is near completion and Piping fits well, check length. Place i-cord on a double-pointed needle if necessary to add or remove rows, allowing 2cm for making up, then cast off i-cord with sl 2, k1, p2sso, and overlap ends around corner. Secure and trim. Attach Poinsettia to centre of Cover Front and secure top Leaf with a stitch through its centre **LK**

## Christmas Extra!

Download this adorable set of festive toy patterns for free!



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By Sachiyo Ishii



**FA LA LA LLAMA**  
By Zoë Halstead



**PENGUIN PALS**  
By Nicky Fijalkowska



**JINGLE & TINSEL ELVES**  
By Steffi Hochfellner



**TOY SOLDIERS**  
By Zoë Halstead

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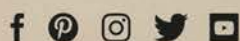


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WE'VE GOT PRESENT IDEAS GALORE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES – AND PLENTY FOR YOUR OWN WISHLIST TOO!

From Secret Santa solutions to stocking fillers, we've got you covered this Christmas. Peruse our round-up of yarns, kits, accessories, tasty treats and more at your leisure, whether you're looking for the perfect gifts with which to treat your fellow knitting pals, you need some ideas for what to make for family, or you just feel it's time to start dropping hints for yourself! Pens at-the-ready to circle your faves!

## Knitter's Necklace

Treat a wool-mad knitter to this beautiful hand-crafted pendant, featuring a striking flock of sheep and made using sterling silver and 22ct gold. £139, [freshfleeces.com](http://freshfleeces.com)



## Eco-knitter

As well as being made from environmentally-friendly bamboo, these sustainable knitting needles from the Prym 1530 product range also come in totally plastic-free packaging. For more information, visit [prym.com](http://prym.com)

## SUPER SETS

Enjoy a little bit of everything with these fabulous packs and sets, perfect for the knitter who wants to try it all!



If you fancy trying a whole rainbow of different colours but are sticking to a budget, check out this Woolyhippo craft ball yarn pack full of 20 different 10g balls of acrylic DK. £4.99, [woolyhippo.com](http://woolyhippo.com)



Treat a knitter to a gift bag filled with James C Brett Top Value DK in your choice of colours, along with a set of 4mm needles, packaged in a jute bag with a clear front. Two-yarn gift bag, £9.50, four-yarn gift bag, £12.99, [thedroppedstitch.co.uk](http://thedroppedstitch.co.uk)

Chiaogoo's Blue Shorties™ set is jam-packed with everything a knitter needs, including ten sets of stainless steel interchangeable tips in a range of sizes, plus an array of cables, stoppers, connectors, stitch markers and more! For more information, visit [chiaogoo.com](http://chiaogoo.com)



This eye-catching colour pack contains a whopping 69 10g balls of Scheepjes Catona yarn; the colours and yarns were lovingly handpicked by the shop owner. There really is something for everyone! £56.65, [StitchNBintime.com](http://StitchNBintime.com) on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com), and in-store in New Romney, Kent

Looking for a gift for the sock knitter in your life? This WYS Christmas Bundle containing three balls of West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply is the perfect treat for the toes! £20, [woolandcrafts.co.uk](http://woolandcrafts.co.uk)



## Bullet Journal

Perfect for those who want to become more organised with their knitting, this 2022 bullet journal is filled with 100 pages which include space for project notes, a wishlist, a tracker, monthly overviews and more. £26, [knitandliving.co.uk](http://knitandliving.co.uk)



## YARN, GLORIOUS YARN

Marriner Yarns' Merino DK is the luxuriously soft wool we all want for Christmas! This 100% merino wool is the perfect bit of affordable luxury for the festive season. £5.95 per 100g ball, [marrineryarns.com](http://marrineryarns.com)



Have a nose through the luxury yarns on offer at ColourMart, brimming with cashmere, silk, extra fine merino and more from the best Scottish and Italian mills. Head over to [colourmart.com](http://colourmart.com)



Rainbow Fusions provides luxury wool and plant-fibre yarns hand-dyed in Scotland in an array of vibrant colours. Have a look at the treat boxes and gift vouchers available for extra special gifts. Explore the range at [rainbowfusions.com](http://rainbowfusions.com)



This beautiful gift set of four Chilla Valley Alpaca 4ply yarns comes with a Snowy the Sheep needle gauge and a magnetic tape measure, all lovingly gift-wrapped with a bow and card. £40, [thelittlewoolcompany.com](http://thelittlewoolcompany.com)



Available in a range of shimmering metallic shades, Cygnet Yarns Seriously Chunky is a luxurious fibre with a beautiful drape. RRP £3.15 per 100g ball, find stockists at [cygnetyarns.com](http://cygnetyarns.com)



## MERRY KITMAS!

Make a Super Chunky Cowl with this KnitUK kit including needles, label, pattern and hand-picked Rowan yarns for a non-knitter – or let them make it themselves! £25.85, [knituk.com](http://knituk.com)



Expand a wool-lover's skillset with a Beginner's Needle Felting Kit. £20.13, [thegeneralbean.com](http://thegeneralbean.com)



Add some 'magic' to your accessories with House scarves, beanies, socks and mittens inspired by the famous Hogwarts Houses – Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin! These official kits come with all the materials, patterns, and instructions fans need to create their own accessories – and are the perfect way to keep warm this holiday season. Find them at [tinyurl.com/hpxmasknits](http://tinyurl.com/hpxmasknits)



Ammonite Yarns' new Pythagorean Blanket Kit is made in WYS ColourLab and is just one of the many fabulous selection boxes and kits available. Find your favourite at [ammoniteyarns.co.uk](http://ammoniteyarns.co.uk) For £5 off boxes or kits, use code **MerryKitmas**



Shop 'til You Drop!

Raid your favourite yarn store in style with these biodegradable jute shopping bags with wipe-clean lining. Perfect for yarn addicts, get 10% off when you buy two or more bags. £9.99, [vanessabeedesigns.co.uk](http://vanessabeedesigns.co.uk)

## MAKE YOUR OWN HAMPER!

Hampers are a great way to show someone you care, and they are good fun to put together too! Hobbycraft has everything you need to make the hamper itself, and when it comes to choosing what to put inside, we'd suggest shopping local! Support small businesses near you and fill your hamper with things like books, food and drink, candles and anything else the lucky recipient would love!



Wicker Tray Basket, £4



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Long Handle Basket, £5



Red Velvet Ribbon, £3



Stars Spots and Clear Cellophane Wrap, £4. All from [hobbycraft.co.uk](http://hobbycraft.co.uk)



## Perfect Pins

Bearing humorous phrases, this set of four badges can be added to bags, jackets, coats and more! £4.50, [thebritishcrafthouse.co.uk](http://thebritishcrafthouse.co.uk)



## Magic Moisturiser

Protect those creative hands with DermaGuard, which repairs damaged skin and leaves you with silky smooth hands. The 100ml bottle is great for on-the-go crafting! £4.50, [dermaguard.com](http://dermaguard.com)



## Clean Crafting

A 100ml bottle of Eucalan delicate wool wash will provide about 20 hand-washes, perfect for those with a love of luxury yarns. £4.90, [eucalan.com](http://eucalan.com)





## SORT THAT STASH!

What do you give the knitter who has everything? Something to put it in, of course! Take a look at these nifty bags, cases and jars, all perfect for a spot of stash organisation.



Handmade in Gloucestershire from premium British materials including canvas and leather, the Iconic Roll Top Bag from Hide & Hammer comes in a beautiful selection of colours and sizes. £75, [finefettlefibres.uk](http://finefettlefibres.uk)



Featuring beautiful artwork in a design called 'Passion', this smart project pouch comes with two roll-up needle cases for double pointed and interchangeable needles. Visit [knitpro.eu](http://knitpro.eu)



Tame your stash with these vintage-style Industrious Maker Button Storage Jars, featuring a digital print design by Gill Flury. £16, [shopbeyondmeasure.co.uk](http://shopbeyondmeasure.co.uk)

## LET'S GET PERSONAL

Adding a name or unique phrase to a knitter's tools or finished projects are a wonderful way to make them feel special.



These personalised faux leather tags will give a professional touch to any hand-knitted gift. Set of 25, £23.79, CutDesign on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



These size-adjustable wooden sock blockers are engraved with the knitter's name! £18, CapolaDesigns on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



Add a perfectly smooth, laser-etched message to these metal knitting needles, which are flawlessly tapered and warm to the touch, available in sizes 4mm-12mm. £15.95 per pair, [ketteringembroidery.co.uk](http://ketteringembroidery.co.uk)



## ★ Nifty Needles

Crafty Llama have tonnes of fab gift ideas, including the Knitpro Deluxe Symfonie Rose Cubic Interchangeable Needle Set, which includes seven pairs of tips and four cables! Enjoy 10% off of everything with the code XMAS10 at [crafty-llama.com](http://crafty-llama.com)



## WHAT'S COOKING?

Everyone loves to indulge in sweet treats and festive foods at Christmas, and these goodies would make welcome gifts for any knitter who doubles as a keen baker or cook.



Create a knitted blanket effect on your cakes and bakes with this chunky knit silicone mould. £17.99, [cakecraftshop.co.uk](http://cakecraftshop.co.uk)



Treat whoever's making your Christmas dinner to this Nordic retro-style apron to save them from splashes and spills. £20, [raggedrose.com](http://raggedrose.com)



Know a knitter who's also a dab hand in the kitchen? Give them some sheep-themed oven gloves to protect those skillful hands! £8, [dunelm.com](http://dunelm.com)



## FESTIVE FEAST

It's time to eat, drink and make merry! Here are a delightful selection of tasty goodies to enjoy this Christmas.



Christmas jumper biscuits, £28, [honeywellbakes.com](http://honeywellbakes.com)



Milk chocolate sheep, £3.30, [guppyschocolates.co.uk](http://guppyschocolates.co.uk)



Rock Rose Gin £34, Gin Jumper, £8, [dunnetbaydistillers.co.uk](http://dunnetbaydistillers.co.uk)

## HELPING HANDS

These stunning accessories are the perfect way to add a touch of luxury to anyone's knitting.



Wind those unwieldy skeins of yarn into cakes with this hand-crafted Lykke Jumbo Ball Winder made from sustainably-sourced Mango or Rosewood, which also includes a spindle, clamp and storage bag. £90, [thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk](http://thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk)

Update your tools of the trade with this fantastic full set of knitting needles in sizes 23cm or 33cm, all topped with a beautiful bead. £39.99, [funkyneedles.co.uk](http://funkyneedles.co.uk)



These hand-turned yarn bowls with distinctive leather handles are all unique, and made from naturally-felled beech trees. Beautiful and functional, they are ideal for holding a 100g ball while you knit. £54.50, [felinfach.com](http://felinfach.com)



## Join the Club!

Give the gift that all knitting fans have at the very top of their wishlist... a Let's Knit Together membership! You can purchase them as a three, six or 12 month gift. £23.99, £44.99, £59.99, [letsknit.co.uk/gift](http://letsknit.co.uk/gift)







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## Getting PERSONAL

This knitting kit from Wool Couture has everything you need to make a gorgeous Fair Isle stocking for your favourite person, including three balls of Cheeky Chunky yarn, tote bag, sewing needle and pattern – plus, you can add a pair of 9mm needles if you wish. Pick your two favourites from a selection of 26 colours, and make it unique with your chosen initial. Trimmed with a delightful loop stitch cuff, the Personalised Christmas Stocking Knitting Kit costs £29.99 from [woolcouturecompany.com](http://woolcouturecompany.com)



## This Month WE'RE LOVING... Christmas Stockings

ADORN YOUR MANTELPIECE WITH THESE BELOVED DECS – AND DON'T FORGET TO FILL THEM WITH TREATS!



### EASY PEASY

Sirdar Snuggly Baby Crofter DK is a nylon and acrylic self-patterning yarn inspired by the Scottish Highlands. With minimal effort, this irresistibly soft yarn will allow you to create clever Fair Isle effects in your choice of 18 colourways, perfect for traditional stockings. A 50g (165m) ball has an RRP of £4.30. Visit [sirdar.com](http://sirdar.com) for stockists.

### SOCIAL MEDIA STARS

#### 1 @earthtonesgirl

This Bajan knitter loves knitting and designing socks and can provide you with tonnes of stocking inspiration.

#### 2 @kirstieshandmadechristmas

Follow the presenter of popular Channel 4 show *Kirsty: Keep Crafting and Carry On* for loads of festive crafting inspo!

#### 3 @christmascountdown

If you want to know how many days till Christmas, this account will help you to keep track!



### Ten Drummers Drumming

This stunningly detailed design features a traditional toy drummer; you can almost hear him beating his drums to a festive tune! It's knitted in the round on circular needles and the pattern also includes an alphabet chart for customising your stocking if you wish. For an array of unique designs like this one, head to [annieswoolens.com](http://annieswoolens.com) or instantly download patterns for £6.43 each from annieswoolens store on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



### PERFECT PATTERNS

Get all of the fun of Fair Isle stockings without any tricky colourwork with King Cole's Fjord DK. Made from super-soft anti-pilling acrylic, there are 19 beautiful colourways available, which best show off the stunning Fair Isle effect when knitted in stocking stitch. A 100g (250m) ball has an RRP of £3.75-£4.49. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists.

### CHRISTMAS CROCHET

Forget baubles, it's all about bobbles! Bring a quirky twist to this year's décor with this crochet stocking from Hobbycraft. Quick, simple and made in Women's Institute Soft & Chunky Yarn, this gorgeous decoration can be finished in a weekend. Find this tactile crochet Bobble Christmas Stocking pattern for free at [hobbycraft.co.uk](http://hobbycraft.co.uk)





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Visit our online store at: [www.theyarndispensary.co.uk](http://www.theyarndispensary.co.uk)



# Ladybird, **LADYBIRD...**

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DK YARN



3.25MM, 4MM  
(Straight and double-pointed)

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Age (mths):** 6-12 (12-18 18-24, 24-36)

**To fit chest (cm):** 46 (51, 53, 56)

**Actual chest (cm):** 45 (50, 56, 60)

**Length to shoulder (cm):** 33 (37, 41, 46)

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** WYS ColourLab DK, shades (A) Crimson, 1 (1, 2, 2) 100g balls, (B) Phantom Black, 1 (1, 1, 1) 100g ball, White DK, oddment

**Needles:** 3.25mm straight, 4mm straight, 3.25mm double pointed, 4mm double pointed

**Stitch markers**

**Stitch holders**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

■ 22 sts x 30 rows

■ 10cm x 10cm

■ Stocking stitch

■ 4mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## ABOUT THE YARN

**West Yorkshire Spinners ColourLab**

**DK** is 100% British wool, that is reared and sheared in Britain.

Available in 18 vibrant solids and five self-striping shades, this fibre can be machine washed on a gentle setting, but avoid tumble drying. It has an RRP of £6.50 per 100g (225m) ball. For stockists, visit [wyspinners.com](http://wyspinners.com)

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

**King Cole Merino Blend DK** is incredibly soft and this 100% merino wool is suitable for machine washing. It's a brilliant choice for everyday garments and is offered in a rainbow of over 40 shades. The RRP is £3.33-£3.99 per 50g (104m) ball, so you'll need double the number of balls for this project. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists



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## FRONT

**NOTE: use separate balls of yarn to work each colour section, twisting yarns together at colour change to avoid a gap forming**

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 29 (33, 37, 40) sts, using yarn B cast on 16 (18, 20, 22) sts, using yarn A cast on 29 (33, 37, 40) sts. 74 (84, 94, 102) sts Keeping colours correct as set work as follows:

□ Row 1: k24 (27, 30, 32), sl 1 wyib, pm, k5 (6, 7, 8), sl 1 wyif, pm, k12 (14, 16, 18), pm, sl 1 wyif, k5 (6, 7, 8), pm, sl 1 wyib, k24 (27, 30, 32)

□ Row 2: k to end, slipping markers

□ Rep last two rows

Change to 4mm needles

□ Row 1: k24 (27, 30, 32), sl 1 wyib, sm, k5 (6, 7,

8), sl 1 wyif, sm, k12 (14, 16, 18), sm, sl 1 wyif, k5 (6, 7, 8), sm, sl 1 wyib, k24 (27, 30, 32)

□ Row 2: p to end, slipping markers

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 22 (25, 28, 32) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

## Form pleat

**NOTE: pleat is formed in two halves, each folding towards the centre; markers indicate folding points of pleat and can be removed on completion**

□ Folding row: using yarn A only, k to 6 (7, 8, 9) sts before first m, place next 6 (7, 8, 9) sts onto a dpn, place next 6 (7, 8, 9) sts onto another dpn, holding these with WS facing, fold the dpns so pleat folds towards centre of work in front of LH needle, k

to end of folded sts working a three-needle join (see panel), sl next 6 (7, 8, 9) sts onto one dpn, the foll 6 (7, 8, 9) sts onto another dpn, hold these with RS facing and fold pleat again pointing towards centre of work behind LH needle, k to end of folded sts working a three-needle join, k to end. 50 (56, 62, 66) sts  
□ Next row: p to end

## Armhole shaping

**NOTE: sl first st of each row from here**

Change to Yarn B and work in garter st (k every row)

□ Next row: k to end, pm in centre of next row

□ Cast off 3 (3, 5, 4) sts at beg of next two rows.

44 (50, 52, 58) sts

□ Next row: sl 1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 42 (48, 50, 56) sts

□ Next row: p to end

□ Rep last two rows four times more. 34 (40, 42, 48) sts \*\*

□ Cont to work in garter st as set until work meas 6 (7, 8, 9) cm from m, ending after a WS row

□ Next row: k9 (11, 11, 13), cast off 16 (18, 20, 22) sts, k to end, turn and work on these 9 (11, 11, 13) sts only

□ Cont in garter st until work meas 11 (12, 13, 14) cm from m, ending after a WS row, place these sts on a holder  
With WS facing rejoin yarn B to rem 9 (11, 11, 13) sts  
□ Cont in garter st until work meas 11 (12, 13, 14) cm from m, ending after a WS row, place these sts on a holder

## great ADVICE



"This is a great dress for a confident beginner, and with the aid of some double-pointed needles the box pleats are simply a case of rearranging stitches and working across them to join." LK DESIGNER, Jane Burus





"A long tail cast-on works well on this project that kicks off with the intarsia section. Cast on the number of stitches in the first colour as normal, then simply pick up your next colour and work with that. You can weave in the tails and neaten up the cast-on edge at the end."

LK Acting Deputy Editor, **Neti Love**

## BACK

- ☐ Work as for Front to \*\*
- ☐ Cont in garter st as set until work meas 9 (10, 11, 12) cm from m, ending with a WS row
- ☐ Next row: k9 (11, 11, 13), cast off next 16 (18, 20, 22) sts, k to end, turn and work on these 9 (11, 11, 13) sts only
- ☐ Cont in garter st until work meas 11 (12, 13, 14) cm from m, ending after a WS row, place these sts on a holder
- ☐ With WS facing, rejoin yarn B to rem 9 (11, 11, 13) sts and cont in garter st until work meas 11 (12, 13, 14) cm from m, ending after a WS row, place these sts on a holder

## LADYBIRD SPOTS

- (make 12)
- Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 17 sts
- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p to end
  - ☐ Row 2: k to end
  - ☐ Row 3: p to end
  - ☐ Row 4: [k2tog] eight times, k1. Nine sts
  - ☐ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight to form centre of Spot, secure and sew side seam

## EYE

- (make two)
- Using 4mm needles and White DK, cast on 16 sts
- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p to end

- ☐ Row 2: [k2tog] eight times. Eight sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight to form centre of Eye, secure and sew side seam

## PUPILS

- (make two)
- Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts
- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p to end
  - ☐ Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight to form bottom of Pupil, fasten off securely

## TO MAKE UP

- Using image as a guide, stitch



# Three NEEDLE JOIN

This is a way of knitting three layers of an equal number of stitches together to make a pleat. To do this, the relevant stitches are distributed over three needles: the main left needle and two double-pointed needles, while the right needle is held as usual. The three needles are held parallel in the left hand in a folded Z shape to create a pleat in to the left, or a backwards Z for one to be made to the right. With the first stitch on each left needle aligned, insert the right needle from front to back through each one and work a k3tog as usual. Repeat until the double-pointed needles are empty, then continue with the pattern.

Spots and Eyes onto dress. Place one set of shoulder sts onto separate needles and with WS facing join shoulders using three-needle cast-off method. Repeat for other shoulder. Sew side seams from cast-on edge to start of garter stitch bodice panel. Block **LK**

## Next issue



## CUTE KOALA SWEATER WITH SECRET POCKET BY JANE BURNS

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# We all love a **WARM** welcome

**DECORATING THE PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS  
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OUT SOME FESTIVE HOMEWARES!**

It's the most sociable time of the year, with family, friends and neighbours looking to pop in and even stay a while, so it's no wonder we all go a bit Christmas crazy on the dees front. If you're looking to outdo yourself this year, or just feel the urge for new look, expect plenty of ooohs and aaahs when your visitors drop by.



## Snuggle right up

For watching festive films or an afternoon nap after a late-night knitting session, we can't imagine a better place than tucked up on the sofa and under a gorgeous snowy throw, (and chocolates not too far away). We'd pick this incredibly easy Three Strand Afghan, a free pattern from [lionbrand.com](http://lionbrand.com), which as the name says, uses three strands to make an ultra-cosy and amazingly fast beginner knit, too! Made in Lionbrand's Hometown USA yarn, an easy-care super-chunky acrylic, the final blanket measures 42cm x 101.5cm, so it's also guaranteed to look rather impressive, casually draped over a comfy chair. Sharing is optional!

## TOY STOCKING

King Cole's annual Christmas Book 8 is just out with a pick and mix of traditional characters that can fit into a bobbled snowy stocking – the kids will make a beeline for this alternative toy box of treats to play with on their visits (or of course they also make sweet stocking fillers themselves).

Designed by Zoë Halstead, this collection includes seven cuddly characters with patterns to customise as you please with your own shades. There's Father and Mother Christmas, Rudolph the Reindeer, a cuddly snowman, sparkly fairy, cheeky Elf and a cute drummer boy, plus that fab stocking, all in the pattern book at an RRP of £4.95. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists



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NOW!

## Deck the halls

Running over eight weeks, Let's Knit Together club members have just started knitting Sachiyo Ishii's incredible festive wreath. Sachiyo has created a gorgeous centrepiece, filled with adorable characters and cute decorations. It's made with bright colours and easy-to-learn techniques. It is sure to bring Christmas cheer to your door. Join the club's Christmas Membership today for £25 at [letsknit.co.uk/christmas](http://letsknit.co.uk/christmas) to take part, and also find plenty more designs for all your festive needs!

## FESTIVE TIP

Take extra care to weave ends in invisibly for items out on display!

## PUTTING ON THE RITZ

Make everyone feel like a VIP when you serve up a hot chocolate or Irish coffee in its own suitably seasonal cosy. DROPS Design offers this Christmas Shots pattern worked in its fabulously soft Merino Extra Fine DK yarn using fisherman's rib, an easy stitch that produces an extra-deep fabric that keeps in the heat. Make a pair from one ball and they'll come in handy for Bonfire Night and New Year's Eve, too – sugar crystal swizzle sticks would be the icing on the cake! Download the pattern for free from [garnstudio.com](http://garnstudio.com)

KEEP IT  
HOT!







## MINI MAGIC

The Japanese are known for their meticulous attention to detail, which is why we love this beautifully presented mini knitted ornament kit that's a treat even before you start to use the high-quality contents. Choose from the stocking or mitten design to create decorative garlands, individual gift tags, place card holders or a bag charm. Each kit contains 10g of 4ply, mini blocker, knitting needles and instructions and costs £22.70 from SeeknitKA on [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)

## TREE-YOUR SETTEE



There's nothing more comfy and cosy than a Christmassy living room, and these pine tree cushions will tie any festive lounge together! With this comprehensive kit, containing 500g of Cheeky Chunky yarn, a darning needle, pattern, tote bag and some optional toy stuffing and 7mm needles, you'll have everything you need to create the perfect pine, with three size options! And why not add mini knitted decs to your tree cushions for a little extra pizzazz? The kit costs £49.99 from [woolcouturecompany.com](https://www.woolcouturecompany.com)



NO NEEDLE DROP

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## BLING IT UP

Deck the place out with these novelty baubles, shaped like balls of yarn! Available in gleaming green, gold and red, loop these quirky ornaments on your tree among your other hand-knitted decorations to keep up the knitty theme whilst introducing a lovely variety of textures. Made from glass and spanning 4.2cm in height and width, a set of three costs £8.50 from BakingTimeClub on [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)



## MINIMALIST CHIC

Created using wire and French knitted wool, these hand-made Christmas trees are sturdy enough to stand up alone and keep their shape, or can also be hung from your life-sized tree – simply ask for a hanging loop to be added when placing your order, free of charge. There are 37 colours to choose from, and a gold or silver star, and the simple styling design is sure to add a classy, understated touch to your Christmas décor. A tree costs £7 and stands 25cm tall and 7cm wide at the base, from CraftyShizzShop on [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)

## FESTIVE TIP

Use oddments of glimmering yarn in place of ribbons for decs and wrapping.

## TWINKLE TWINKLE

These Bauble Fairy Lights from Cygnet Yarns are a whimsical strand of knitted baubles worked in the vivid colours we know and love when it comes to those bold classic decs. Choose your colours from Cygnet's Little Ones A-Z DK yarn range and, when done, they'll look right at home wrapped around a tree, pinned to a mantelpiece, or twirled around the stair bannisters. Why not combine them with a string of electric fairy lights for even more glitz and glamour? Download the pattern for free at [cygnetyarns.com](https://www.cygnetyarns.com)



COOL CROCHET



## Let it Snow

This stellar snowflake design is crocheted in chunky 5mm braided cotton cord and uses basic stitches, so it is perfect for a crochet novice. Worked in the round, it is a quick make so you can pop your glass of eggnog on it, showcase your favourite candle, or position a few across your dining table for some Scandi-style table-scaping. The star shape means you could even string several together to create a winter garland or think big and go for a stunning statement wall hanging! You can download this fun design for free at [shop.bobbiny.com](https://www.shop.bobbiny.com)







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# SNOWFLAKE

## Snuggles

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pattern

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Settle down with a mug of scrumptious hot choc, some thick, fluffy socks and this chunky knit homeware to complete the scene. Perfect for a movie night with the family, or a little me time after a nice hot bubble bath, this red and white cover features a bold snowflake design knitted in intarsia, along with a rib neck and handy eyelets through which to thread a matching tie for easy access, making refills a breeze! The yarn used contains wool and alpaca fibres, both of which are fantastic natural insulators, meaning your winter warmer will stay nice and hot all evening.





**Depth: 34cm**

### Tapestry needle

■ 6mm needles

**FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97**

**Rico Essentials Alpaca Blend Chunky** is a blend of 50% acrylic, 30% wool and 20% alpaca. Perfect for seriously snuggly winter knits, this yarn is available in a beautiful range of shades and will bring a touch of luxury to any chunky weight pattern. One 50g (90m) ball has an RRP of £5.65. Visit [rico-designs.de](http://rico-designs.de) for stockists.

Any chunky weight yarn would work well for this pattern. Check your local yarn store for other suitable yarns.

"When working in intarsia, using bobbins can be helpful to prevent your yarns getting in a tangle."

LK Content Writer, **Jodie Sheehan**

Start  
knitting  
here...

Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on 35 sts

☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work 53 rows in st st

☐ \*\* Next row (WS): p17, p2tog, p to end. 34 sts

☐ Eyelet row: k7, (k2tog, yfwd, k4) three times, k2tog, yfwd, k7

☐ Next row: \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last two sts, k2

☐ Next row: \* p2, k2, rep from \* to last two sts, p2

Last two rows set rib patt

☐ Cont in rib patt until rib section meas 4cm, ending after a WS row

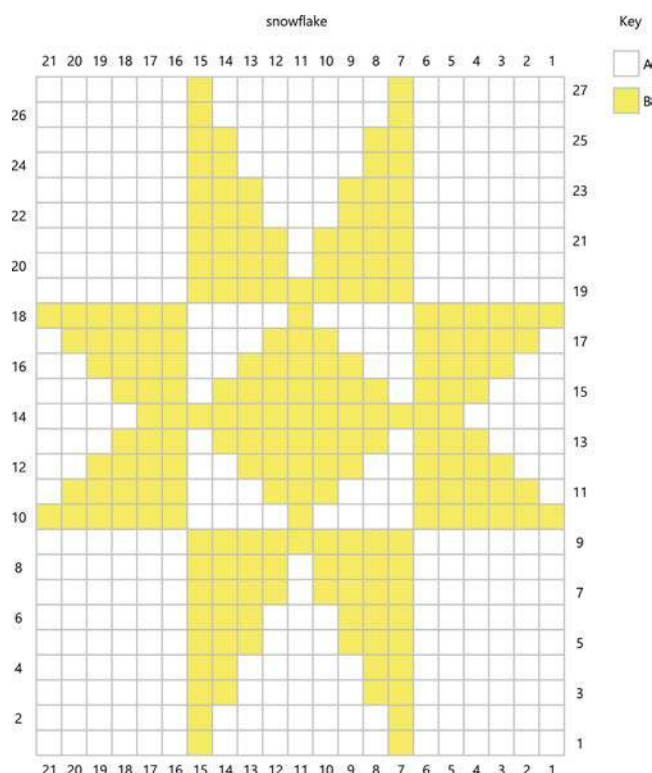
Change to yarn B

☐ Cast off \*\*

- ☐ Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on 35 sts
- ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work 14 rows in st st

Cont in st st inserting Chart as folls:

☐ Row 1 (RS): k7, work Row 1



☐ Work 12 rows in st st

☐ Work as for Back from

**\*\* to \*\***

Block and press pieces, then weave in ends. Sew bottom seam and press. Sew side seams using mattress stitch. To make the tie, cut six strands of yarn 85cm long, and plait to form a tie. Thread tie through eyelets **LK**



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# Seasonal SOCKS

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**FELT FUSION, shade Holly Jolly Christmas, 100g (365m), £16** from [feltfusion.co.uk](http://feltfusion.co.uk)



**Zebra  
YARN**



**LONG  
Lasting**

## FRUITY FEET

This 4ply yarn is made from acrylic and reinforced with a type of polyester for extra strength and structure, allowing you to get maximum wear out of your masterpieces. Each of the six sumptuous shades are named after a mouthwatering fruit including Strawberry, Watermelon, Passion Fruit, Kiwi, Fig and Banana, plus a special Christmas Fruits shade. With an impressive 430m of self-patterning yarn, you'll only need one ball for a pair in most sizes!

**KING COLE FOOTSIE 4PLY, shade 4902 Strawberry, 100g (430m), RRP: £3.99-£4.79. Visit [kingcole.com](http://kingcole.com) for stockists**

## SUGAR SWEET

Made from a blend of British wool – including 35% luxurious Bluefaced Leicester – and nylon, this 4ply yarn is superbly soft and a delight to knit with. The Christmas members of the Signature 4ply family are here to fill your festive season with joy, with six fabulous self-patterning shades to choose from. Plus, this fuss-free yarn can be machine washed at 30°C, meaning you can spend less time washing and more time writing your wishlist!

**SIGNATURE 4PLY CHRISTMAS, shade 989 Candy Cane, 100g (400m), £7.50. Visit [wyspinners.com](http://wyspinners.com) for stockists.**



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**SCHEEPIES DOWNTOWN, shade 407 Park View, 50g (200m), RRP: £5.99. Visit [scheepjes.com](http://scheepjes.com) for stockists.**



**Stunning  
SHADES**

## LIVE IN LUXURY

This exquisite yarn from McIntosh is made with 100% British Bluefaced Leicester, making it a truly opulent choice for the festive season. Treat yourself to the impressive stitch definition, irresistible softness and any of the 24 fabulous shades, from bright vivids and bolds to delicate pastels and neutrals. Hand dyed to order, this yarn should be hand washed in cool water and laid flat to dry.

**MCINTOSH MY BFL 4PLY, shade MY Ambition, 100g (400m), £22.50 from [knitmcintosh.com](http://knitmcintosh.com)**

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**MILLA MIA NATURALLY SOFT SOCK, shade 532 Alligator, 50g (200m), £4.50 from [lovecrafts.com](http://lovecrafts.com)**



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## COLOURS GALORE

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**CASCADE YARNS® HERITAGE SOLIDS, shade 5661 Zinnia Red, 100g (400m), £7.99, [woolwarehouse.com](http://woolwarehouse.com)**



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# Turning HEADS

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Start  
knitting  
here...

## BRIM

Using 5.5mm circular needle, cast on 80 sts, pm and join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts

□ Rnds 1-12: \* k2, p2, k1 tbl, p2, k2, (p1, k2) three times, p2, rep from \* to end

## Main Section

Change to 6mm circular needles and work as follows:

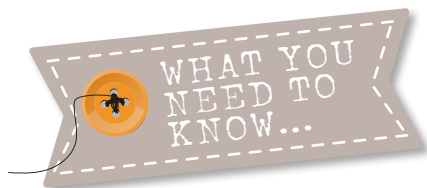
□ Rnd 1: \* k4, k1 tbl, C4B, p1, yon, k3, ssk, k4, p1, rep from \* to end

## Cable NEEDLE

This needle is used to 'park' stitches, so while it can be the same size or a little smaller than the project needle size, but it should not be bigger. If it is, this can stretch the stitches and distort the pattern.

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CHUNKY YARN



5.5MM, 6MM CIRCULAR, DPNS

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Circumference:** 50cm

**Height:** 24.5cm

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Chunky, shade 19 Burgundy, two 50g balls

**Needles:** 5.5mm circular, 6mm circular and double-pointed

**Cable needle**

**Stitch marker**

**Faux fur pom-pom**

**Tapestry needle**

## TENSION SQUARE

- 16 sts x 20 rows
- 20 sts x 25 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- Over pattern
- 6mm needles
- 6mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**C2B:** sl next st onto cn, hold at back of work, k2tog, k1 from cn

**C3F:** sl next two sts onto cn, hold at front of work, k2tog, k2 from cn

**C4B:** sl next two sts onto cn, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cn

**C4F:** sl next two sts onto cn, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cn

## ABOUT THE YARN

**Debbie Bliss Cashmerino Chunky** is a lofty blend of 55% wool, 33% acrylic and 12% cashmere, giving extra oomph to bold stitch patterns and a warmth that is hard to beat. Projects knit up in a trice on big needles, and this almost silky yarn can handle a delicate wash and a cool iron. A 50g (65m) ball costs £5.50 from [lovecrafts.com](http://lovecrafts.com)

## NEED AN ALTERNATIVE?

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- ☐ Rnd 3: \* C4F, k1tbl, k4, p1, k1, yfwd, k3, ssk, k3, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 5: \* k4, k1tbl, C4B, p1, k2, yfwd, k3, ssk, k2, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 7: \* C4F, k1tbl, k4, p1, k3, yfwd, k3, ssk, k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 9: \* k4, k1tbl, C4B, p1, k4, yfwd, k3, ssk, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 11: \* C4F, k1tbl, k4, p1, k9, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 12: as Rnd 2
- ☐ Rep Rnds 1-12 once more

## Decrease for Crown

**NOTE:** change to dpns when there are too few sts for circular needles

- ☐ Rnd 1: \* k4, k1tbl, C4B, p1, k3, ssk, k4, p1, rep from \* to end. 76 sts
- ☐ Rnd 2: \* k4, k1tbl, k4, p1, k8, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 3: \* C4F, k1tbl, k4, p1, k3, ssk, k3, p1, rep from \* to end. 72 sts
- ☐ Rnd 4: \* k4, k1tbl, k4, p1, k7, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rnd 5: \* k4, k1tbl, C4B, p1, k3, ssk, k2, p1, rep from \* to end. 68 sts
- ☐ Rnd 6: \* k4, k1tbl, k4, p1, k6, p1, rep from \* to end

"Faux fur poms may be all the rage, but style your hat your way; leave it off if you prefer a beanie."

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- ☐ Rnd 16: \* ssk, k1, k1tbl, C2B, k1, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - ☐ Rnd 17: \* k1, sl 2, k1, p2sso, k2, rep from \* to end. 16 sts
  - ☐ Rnd 18: \* sl 2, k1, p2sso, k1, rep from \* to end. Eight sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Weave in loose ends. Block to measurements. Using pom-pom of your choice, attach to crown of hat **LK**

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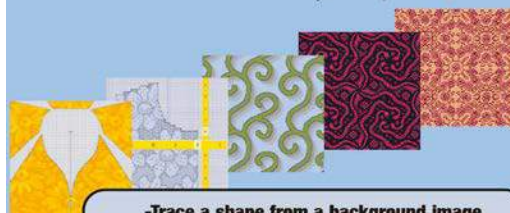
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## Dress up time!

We all know how much tots (and grown-ups) love to don a fun costume, and these impressive crowns beat those out of a cracker any day! Plus, any wise king in a home nativity would feel most inspired by one of these regal knitted headpieces. Tea Time Tiara is part of Pretty Little Things, Issue 15 - Hooray! from Scheepjes with an RRP of £1 and uses Scheepjes Cotton 8, a 4ply in a 50g (170m) ball, on 3-3.5mm needles. Visit [scheepjes.com](http://scheepjes.com) for stockists.



## All wrapped up

For a time-saving baby gift, a little blanket can be made with a super-chunky yarn. Flutterby Huggable Super Chunky from James C Brett also comes with three easy patterns inside the ball band of this super soft chenille yarn. This cosy 100% polyester fibre also goes happily in the wash, so if you're not already a super-chunky project convert, you soon will be! A 250g (100m) ball, including the pattern, costs around £9.99. For stockists visit [jamescbrett.co.uk](http://jamescbrett.co.uk)



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## Cosiest toes

Just 100g of unspun super-chunky merino go into a plain pair of these brilliant bed socks, although it is tempting to add another oddment for a little contrast! Knitting newbies will also be delighted to find they can make a pair in just a couple of hours on 10mm needles. The digital PDF includes a tutorial for £5.52 from **IKNITPRETTY** on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com), or you could treat yourself to a tempting kit for £22.50.



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These graceful wrist warmers will bestow the utmost elegance on their wearers, and would make beautiful and heartfelt gifts for a group of loyal bridesmaids at a winter wedding. Warm, simple and embellished with exquisite lace details, as a guide one skein of DROPS Alpaca 4ply (50g, 167m) is needed for a pair of these fine one-size-fits-all accessories. Download the pattern for £4.99 from **LuckyFoxKnits** on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



## Over the Moomin

It's in your hands to bring Tove Jansson's much-loved character to life as this knitted Moomin Troll Softie uses just one 100g (225m) ball. Finnish Novita x Moomin DK yarn in shade 007 Moomintroll is a blend of 75% wool and 25% polyamide that can be washed at 40°C and costs £5.10, while the pattern is a free digital download, both from **deramores.com**. It's wise to use toy stuffing and oddments for the facial embroidery to match, as Moomin is sure to receive lots of cuddles!

## Spruced up!

For a festive shawl, we think this top-down crescent beauty by **OliveTreeKnits** has it all, and certainly makes the most of a solid shade of 100g (400m) of 4ply as the finished stole measures a satisfying 38cm x 165cm! The lacy fir trees can also be beaded and create a sparkling border in this mainly stocking stitch wrap. The pattern costs £4.80 with a link to a video tutorial and spare chart. Find **OliveTreeKnits** on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)



## Clever cowl

With its intriguing diagonal rib pattern repeat and sumptuous chunky yarn, this speedy and simple Furrow cowl is perfect for all genders and takes a single 100g (183m) skein of Brooklyn's Tweed Quarry on 6mm needles. Working flat, you can choose whether to work your seam on the right side of the fabric to draw the eye front and centre, or hide it inside this snugly reversible neckwarmer. Download the pattern for £3.65 from **Kraftling** on [etsy.com](http://etsy.com)





## FROM SCARF TO SWEATER IN FOUR STEPS

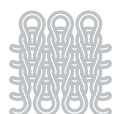
# EASY PEASY MITTS

PART THREE OF OUR EXCLUSIVE LEARNALONG FEATURES COSY CONTRASTING FINGERLESS MITTS TO WEAR WITH YOUR SCARF AND HAT!

We hope by now you are now raring to get going on these soft and cosy contrast mitts, designed by Penny Hill to coordinate with your gorgeous scarf and hat.

They are knitted flat in stocking stitch, beginning and ending with a short rib section, then sewn up into a tube. This project focuses first on shaping by increasing stitches, then creating the thumb opening by casting stitches off and on again. This will grow your skills repertoire nicely in small easy steps, so you'll be all set for the grand finale jumper, coming in the next issue!

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ARAN YARN



6MM NEEDLES

### MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

**Size:** Small-Medium (Medium-Large)

**Length:** 21 (22) cm

### KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** Scheepjes Chunky Monkey, shades (A) 1390 Orchid, (B) 1823 Mustard 30g of each

**Needles:** 6mm

**Tapestry needle**

**NOTE:** if you made the scarf and hat from parts one and two, you should have enough yarn to make these mittens

### TENSION SQUARE

- 14 sts x 20 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 6mm needles

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### ABOUT THE YARN

**Scheepjes Chunky Monkey** is a heavy aran-weight yarn that borders on chunky and is made from lightweight premium acrylic. This means it is great for sensitive skins, and what's more has been developed to be anti-pilling, so it will look good for ages. Items made with this yarn can also be popped in the washing machine at up to 40°C, making it a versatile all-round yarn. It's available in over 80 shades, so you can choose your own colour combo if you prefer. The RRP for a 100g (116m) ball is £2.49, visit [scheepjes.com](http://scheepjes.com) for stockists.

### LEARNALONG LIST

Tick off these skills with this project!

- ☐ Increase the number of stitches after casting on by making an extra stitch (m1)
- ☐ Casting off in the middle of a row
- ☐ Casting on in the middle of a row

### PATTERN SAVVY

Increasing the width of your piece is done by making new stitches, which can be done in several ways. One or more increase stitches may be added along a row, often at set points, to produce the necessary shaping. For a gradual effect, increase stitches are worked on several rows. In these mittens the stitch used is called a 'make one'.

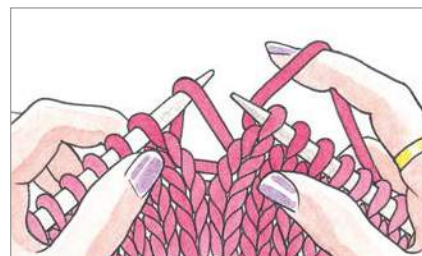
**m1** stands for make one stitch, so with each m1 on the row your stitch count will go up by one.

Bear in mind that there may also be decreases on the same row that will also affect the stitch count.

### Thumb shaping

□ Row 1: k11 (13), m1, k2, m1, k13 (15).  
28 (32) sts

## MAKE ONE (M1)



**1** Insert the left needle into the horizontal bar of yarn lying between the stitch just knitted and the next stitch to be knitted. Hook and lift it with the needle tip in a backwards direction (away from you) again before working a knit stitch.



**2** Push the right needle into the back part of the loop that now lies over the left needle and knit this stitch. You will now have an additional stitch on the right needle.

## Start knitting here

### LEFT MITT

Using 6mm needles and yarn B, cast on 26 (30) sts

- Rib row: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end  
This row forms rib
- Rep Rib row five times more
- Beg with a k (RS) row, work four (six) rows in st st



**“TAKE CARE TO MOVE YOUR YARN BETWEEN THE NEEDLE TIPS WHEN ALTERNATING KNIT AND PURL STITCHES FOR RIB, WITH YARN AT THE BACK FOR A KNIT STITCH, AND AT THE FRONT FOR A PURL ONE.”**

LK Acting Deputy Editor, **Neti Love**

- ☐ Rows 2-4: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Row 5: k11 (13), m1, k4, m1, k13 (15). 30 (34) sts
- ☐ Rows 6-8: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Row 9: k11 (13), m1, k6, m1, k13 (15). 32 (36) sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st ending after a p (WS) row

### Thumb opening

- ☐ Next row (RS): k11 (13), cast off next eight sts, k to end. 13 (15) sts after the thumb gap
- ☐ Next row (WS): p13 (15), turn work so RS is facing, using RH needle cast on four sts onto LH needle for top of thumb opening, turn work back so WS is facing, p to end. 28 (32) sts

### Casting on and off mid-row

When casting off mid-row remember that you need to knit two stitches before you cast one off, to keep the stitch count at the beginning of your row correct. When casting on mid-row be sure to use the two-needle method as shown in part one.

- ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work six rows in st st
- Change to yarn A, cut yarn B, leaving a long tail to sew side seam
- ☐ Next row: k to end
- ☐ Rib row: \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rep Rib row four times more
- ☐ Cast off in rib

### RIGHT MITT

Using 6mm needles and yarn A, cast on 26 (30) sts

- ☐ Rib row: \* k1, p1 rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rep rib row five times more
- ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work four (six) rows in st st

### Thumb shaping

- ☐ Row 1: k13 (15), m1, k2, m1, k11 (13). 28 (32) sts
- ☐ Rows 2-4: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Row 5: k13 (15), m1, k4, m1, k11 (13). 30 (34) sts



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- ☐ Rows 6-8: beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Row 9: k13 (15), m1, k6, m1, k11 (13). 32 (36) sts
- ☐ Beg with a p row, work seven rows in st st ending after a p (WS) row

### Thumb opening

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- ☐ Next row: p11 (13), turn work so RS is facing, using RH needle cast on four sts onto LH needle for top of thumb opening, turn work back so WS is facing, p to end. 28 (32) sts
- ☐ Beg with a k (RS) row, work six rows in st st
- Change to yarn B, cutting yarn A and leaving a long tail to sew side seam
- ☐ Next row: k to end
- ☐ Rib row: \* k1, p1 rep from \* to end
- ☐ Rep rib row four times more
- ☐ Cast off in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Lay mitten flat with WS facing up. Fold long edges in to centre so right sides align. Thread a tapestry needle using the main colour tail end and, matching stitches of row ends, join side seam with mattress stitch. Fasten off and weave in all ends, then trim any straggling threads **LK**



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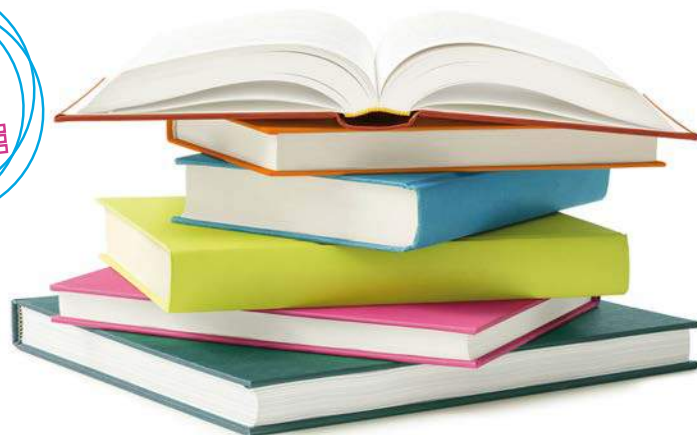
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**HIGHLIGHTS:** the gansey stitch cowl



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**HIGHLIGHTS:** Linka's signature Wilderness Sweater



## This month's focus... Christmas!



### 20 TO KNIT: TINY CHRISTMAS TOYS TO KNIT

Sachiyo Ishii (Search Press, £4.99)

Perfect for decorations and stocking fillers, this wonderful book contains

irresistible festive toys for knitters of all abilities. Featuring a polar bear, angel, mini stocking, Christmas pudding and much more, these easy makes will delight young and old alike.

**Must see:** the gingerbread house



### 55 CHRISTMAS BALLS TO KNIT

Arne & Carlos (Search Press, £14.99)

Knitwear design stars Arne & Carlos present

a collection of fabulous ornamental balls to jazz up your festive décor. Inspired by traditional Norwegian patterns, they are quick and easy to knit, and can also be adapted for hats, mittens and sweaters if you fancy the challenge.

**Must see:** the Lights chapter



### NUDINITS: A NAUGHTY KNITTED NOEL

Sarah Simi (Collins & Brown, £9.99)

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# TEA Break

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## FACT CHECK

Are these crafty statements true or false?

- 1 In Scandinavian folklore, a tomte (gnome) usually has a red cap.
- 2 Ribbon yarn is called this because it is always shiny and flat.
- 3 The new Christmas choc covers craze for knitters will be for chocolate bananas.
- 4 Santa hats can only be made in the round, or the wearer won't get any presents.
- 5 This year Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children falls on 11th December.

## DICTIONARY CORNER

*A Christmas orange studded with cloves is known as what?*

## LETTER SPIN

Can you unravel our craft related anagrams?

**WICKER  
GOBLINS  
(8, 5)**

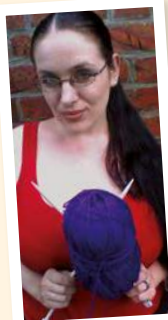
**REFLECTS  
SALADS  
(9, 5)**

**EASY  
CRANK  
(4, 5)**

## Where on Earth?

Here are three knitting clues about a particular place. Can you guess where it is?

- The main Christmas meal is eaten on Christmas Eve with a traditional starter of salt fish.
- More than 500,000 people visit this country for Christmas every year.
- Rovaniemi is recognised as the 'official' homeland of Santa.



## Purls of Wisdom

**CHRISTMAS WOULDN'T BE CHRISTMAS WITHOUT KNITTING**

*By Claire Thomas*

'Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without any knitting', as Jo March would have said if she wasn't a rabid anti-knitter. (Don't @ me, it's her only flaw.) In fact, the festive season seems uniquely well suited to knitting, with chilly winter walks and a promise of frost in the air requiring everyone to wear scarves and hats, and gloved hands clutching travel mugs of hot chocolate in the park. Then, when you come in from the cold, there are blankets to snuggle under, presents to make, and festive TV specials to watch, while you cosily knit away on

your next jumper. Yes, Christmas is definitely the knitter's season.

Of course, there are other aspects of Christmas that can work against my desire to indulge my knitting condition. For a start, you can never quite remove Irish cream stains from ivory lambswool, as I can tell you with certainty after the time when my aunt had one too many such liqueurs, seized the back of a rather complicated jumper that I had been working on solidly for three entire days, somehow forgot she was still holding a drink, and managed to spill the entire glassful over it. (We've never been quite so close since.) "At least it wasn't crème de menthe," my husband said, not very comfortingly, and ever since then I've bundled my knitting out of spillage's reach at the merest sign of the Christmas liqueurs coming out.

I limit myself to the occasional glass of bubbly these days – hangovers in your thirties are painful affairs, and I'm still haunted by the Christmas get-together of our knitting group years ago when, after

several drinks, I discovered I had accidentally knitted three sleeves for a project and, cackling and carried away, decided to try and attach them all. I thought vaguely that it might be modular to have a choice of sleeves, but it was in fact deranged. I don't mix knitting and drinking these days, since I clearly can't be trusted.

Thinking of the incident with my aunt reminds me of another anti-knitting aspect of Christmas: droppers-in. Naturally, since Covid hit, I cherish those opportunities to socialise where I can find them, but there's no doubt that when the doorbell rings, you can't just ask

friends to wait outside in the wintry cold while you finish your row. No, you have to go and let them in and put the kettle on no matter where you were in the middle of a complicated pattern repeat.

And then there are the kids, high on Selection Boxes and new toys, with fights usually brewing (the silent fight during the Crib Service at church was a real low point). How can you knit when you need to focus on UN peacekeeping duty? When the shouting reaches fever pitch, knitting must take second place. (But only then.)

But apart from drinking, drop-ins and fighting, Christmas is just about perfect for knitters, so do you know what? I'm going to preserve the spirit of the season. No Christmas liqueurs will cross my threshold; people can drink their Irish creams and advocaats elsewhere. I'll have 'At Home' days and sedate my kids with screens. And then, truly, knitters shall have comfort and joy!

**Claire Thomas is a freelance journalist and founder of Stitch 'n' Bitch group, Knit Pickers**



## ANSWERS:

FACT CHECK 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. False, 5. True  
DICTIONARY CORNER A pomander  
LETTER SPIN 1. Blocking wires, 2. Tasselled scarf, 3. Yarn cakes  
WHERE ON EARTH? Finland



## Over to you

### TALES OF YOUR TERRIFIC CHARITY EFFORTS!

"Knitted bags for Zimmer frames for a local knitting charity."

**Carol Peace**

*Now there's a great idea, Carol!*



"Some doggies for Versus Arthritis."

**Nikki Duncan**

*That's a fine doggy pack, Nikki!*



"I made these for Above & Beyond."

**Amanda Jane Davies**

*You're all heart, Amanda!*



"I've been knitting elephants for Edinburgh Children's Hospital Charity for their memory boxes."

**Jane Robinson**

*"These are truly memorable, Jane."*



"Hats for kiddies in Peru."

**Sylvia Black**

*"And it's hats off to you, Sylvia!"*

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## Flying off THE NEEDLES!

Knit a scarf for a plane! The Army Flying Museum is calling on knitters to send in 10x10 inch squares to create a giant scarf for a plane called The Beaver, displayed outside the museum. The squares can be made in any colour or stitch, but this plane is visible for all to see as they pass along the main road between Andover and Salisbury so the brighter the better! Drop off your squares at the museum or post them to D Ball, Army Flying Museum, Middle Wallop, Stockbridge, Hants, SO20 8FB. For more information and to send in photos, email [outreach@armyflying.com](mailto:outreach@armyflying.com). The closing date is 1st November 2021.



# Charity CORNER

*'Always check the charity's requirements before getting started!'*

OUR MONTHLY ROUND-UP OF HOW YOU CAN USE YOUR NEEDLES FOR A GOOD CAUSE



## HAPPY MEMORIES

A group of Dereham crafters are looking for knitters and sewists to make vintage baby clothes and blankets for therapy dolls. These are given to dementia patients as part of a project known as Nurse Martin's Memory Babies. These 'babies' are calming, and can help patients recall memories of their own children, especially when dressed in date-appropriate clothing. For more info and to get involved, email [derehamcommunitycrafters@mail.com](mailto:derehamcommunitycrafters@mail.com) or call Judy Rogers on 07368 394499.

## Crochet Challenge

If you're a keen crocheter as well as knitter, or fancy trying out a new skill, why not take part in the Refuge 30 Days of Crochet Challenge? Simply join the dedicated Facebook group called '30 Days of Crochet for Refuge' to receive your pack including a T-shirt, tips and inspiration. Next, set up a Facebook fundraiser and complete this flexible challenge any time and any way you like, by simply crocheting every day for 30 days. It's open to all abilities, so pick something that is challenging for you! Visit [refuge.org.uk/30-days-of-crochet](http://refuge.org.uk/30-days-of-crochet) for more information.





# Make a difference with MINI JUMPERS

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

13cm tall

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** DK, shades (A) Black (B) Red, (C) Cream, oddments of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm stitch holders

**Tapestry needle**

**Sewing needle and thread**

Start knitting here...

## Red sweater

### BACK AND FRONT (alike)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on 14 sts

□ Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Change to 4mm needles

□ Rows 3-12: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 13: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 12 sts

□ Row 14: p to end

□ Rep Rows 13-14 three times more. Six sts

Leave rem sts on a holder

### SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B, cast on eight sts

□ Rows 1-2: (k1, p1) to end

Change to 4mm needles

□ Rows 3-4: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 5: kfb, k to last st, kfb.

Ten sts

□ Rows 6-8: cont in st st

□ Row 9: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

□ Row 10: p to end

□ Rows 11-14: rep Rows 9-10.

Four sts

□ Row 15: skpo, k2tog. Two sts

Cut yarn, leave rem two sts on a holder

□ Make second Sleeve to match, but do not cut yarn after Row 15

### Neckband

□ Next row: k2, with RS facing, k6 from Front, k2 from Sleeve, k6 from Back. 16 sts

□ Work three rows in (k1, p1) rib

□ Cast off in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Sew Sleeve and side seams. Join neck seam. Embroider snowflake using yarn C



## Striped sweater

### BACK AND FRONT (alike)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on 14 sts

□ Rows 1-4: work as

Red sweater

Cont in st st in stripe patt as folls:

□ \*\* Yarn A, yarn B, yarn C

□ Rep from \*\* once more

□ Using yarn A, k to end

□ Using yarn B, p to end

Cont in yarn C only

□ Work as for Red sweater from Row 13 to end

### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on eight sts

□ Rows 1-4: work as Red Sweater

**NOTE: letter in brackets shows yarn shade for row**

□ Row 5: [A] kfb, k to last st, kfb. Ten sts

□ Row 6: [B] p to end

□ Row 7: [C] k to end

□ Row 8: [A] p to end

□ Row 9: [B] k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Eight sts

□ Cont in yarn A only and complete as for Red Sweater

### Neckband

□ Using yarn C, work as for Red sweater **LK**



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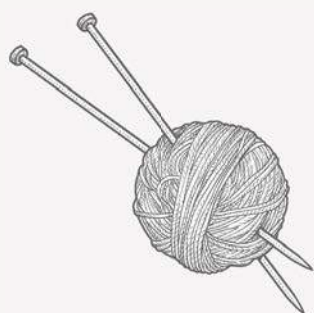
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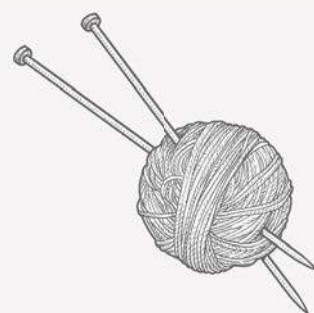


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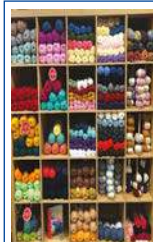




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## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Diameter (approx): 12cm

### CROCHET KIT

**Yarn:** DROPS Paris shades (A) 02 Light Turquoise, (B) 16 White, (C) 100 Light Wash, (D) 30 Grey Blue, (E) 41 Mustard, (F) 07 Heather, (G) 33 Medium Pink, (H) 39 Pistachio, (I) 27 Peach, (J) 01 Apricot, (K) 35 Vanilla, (L) 14 Strong Yellow, (M) 20 Light Pink, (N) 38 Raspberry, small amounts of each

**NOTE:** each coaster uses

approx 15g of yarn

**Crochet hook:** 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**2tr-cl** yoh, insert hook into st, yoh, draw back through work, pull through two loops. Yoh, insert into same st, yoh, pull back through work (four loops on hook), pull through two loops, yoh, pull through all three loops on hook

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

### ABOUT THE YARN

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## Colour CHANGES

To get a neat transition between the colour changes, work the last slip stitch on the round with the new colour as follows: insert the hook in first chain stitch (turning chain) from beginning of the round, yarn over hook with the new colour, pull it through stitch on hook.

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### STRIPE SEQUENCES

**NOTE:** (clockwise in photo) cast on with first shade

#### BLUE SKY

□ Rnds 1-7: yarn A

#### AURORA

□ Rnds 1-2: Yarn E  
□ Rnd 3: yarn F  
□ Rnd 4: yarn G  
□ Rnd 5: yarn D  
□ Rnd 6: yarn H  
□ Rnd 7: yarn I

#### SUNRISE

□ Rnds 1-2: yarn J  
□ Rnd 3: yarn K  
□ Rnd 4: yarn E  
□ Rnd 5: yarn F  
□ Rnd 6: yarn I  
□ Rnd 7: yarn L

#### SUNSET

□ Rnds 1-2: yarn F  
□ Rnds 3-4: yarn N  
□ Rnds 5-6: yarn J  
□ Rnd 7: yarn M

#### FROST & SNOW

□ Rnds 1-2: yarn B  
□ Rnd 3: yarn C  
□ Rnd 4: yarn D  
□ Rnd 5: yarn B  
□ Rnd 6: yarn C  
□ Rnd 7: yarn D

Start  
to crochet  
here...

### COASTER

**NOTE:** change colours on rnds foll given stripe sequence, or as desired

Using 4mm crochet hook and yarn shade of choice, make 5ch, join with a sl st in first ch to make a ring

□ Rnd 1: 1ch, 7dc into ring. Seven sts

□ Rnd 2: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr in same st, 3ch, \* (2tr-cl) in next stitch, 3ch, rep from \* to end, join with a sl st to top of 3ch. Seven 2tr-cl

□ Rnd 3: 1ch, \* 4dc in

3ch-space, miss next st, rep from \* to end, join with a sl st in first st. 28 sts

□ Rnd 4: 3ch, \* 2tr in next st, 2tr, (2tr in next st) twice, 2tr, rep from \* to end, join with a sl st in first st. 40 sts

□ Rnd 5: 1ch, \* 4dc, 2dc in next st, rep from \* to end, join with a sl st in first st. 48 sts

□ Rnd 6: 3ch (counts as first tr), 1tr, \* miss one st, 3ch, (2tr-cl) in next stitch, 3ch, rep from \* to end. 24 2tr-cl

□ Rnd 7: 1ch, \* 4dc in 3ch-space, miss next st, rep from \* to end, join with a sl st in first st. 72 sts

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Block **LK**



"To keep these flat as you work, you may need to tweak your tension; if you find your coaster curling in, it's too tight, or ruching it's too loose; wet blocking will help to set the shape."

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# What's The Secret?

## DISCOVER TOP TIPS FOR TRICKY TECHNIQUES



Use this technique to join the straps on Jane Burns' sweet ladybird dress over on page 55

### Three-needle cast off

This is an easy way of casting off two edges together and can be more secure than sewing. It is a neat way to join the front and back shoulder seams of a jumper, or attach straps, and as the name suggests you'll need a third project needle for this technique.



**1** Place each set of stitches to be cast off onto a needle. Hold these needles parallel with the right sides together in your left hand. If you're casting off using the yarn tail, the yarn should be coming from the back needle.



**2** Holding a third needle in your right hand, insert this needle into the first stitch on the front needle and through into the first stitch on the back needle, then knit these two stitches together and slip them off the needles at the same time.



**3** Insert your right-hand needle into the next stitch on the front needle and through into the next stitch on the back needle (as in step 2) and knit these two stitches together. You will now have two stitches on your right-hand needle.



**4** Insert one of your left-hand needles into the first worked stitch on the right-hand needle, lift this stitch up and pass it over the other stitch and off the needle. One stitch has been cast off. Repeat these last two steps until all stitches have been cast off.

### Top Tip

If you hold the stitches to be cast off with the wrong sides together, you will get a ridge on the right side of your work, which can be used as a decorative feature if you like the effect of exposed seams.



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Starting at the bottom with the zip closed and keeping your work as flat as possible, pin one front side of the zip to the wrong side of the garment so that the knitted edge just meets the middle of the zip. If the edge overlaps too far, it won't lay neatly against the other side

and the knitted fabric might get stuck in the zip. Repeat with the other side making sure you match any patterns if your garment has cables, colourwork or lace effects. Check the zip is lying as you would like it.

Now you will need to baste (tack) each side of the zip to the garment. This doesn't have to be particularly neat; it just needs to hold the zip in place securely. Try the garment on to make sure the zip is still lying correctly before you sew it securely in place. Some people like to sew a zip in by hand using backstitch, but you can also use a sewing machine. If your zip is longer than the opening, bend the excess over at an angle, trim and baste into place.



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GREAT FOR IMPROVERS



ARAN YARN



5.5MM NEEDLES

**MEASUREMENTS & SIZES****Diameter:** 40cm**KNIT KIT**

**Yarn:** Cascade Yarns Cantata, shade (A) 28 Antique Moss, (B) 01 White, one 100g hank of each

**Needles:** 5.5mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

**TENSION SQUARE**

- 16 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Garter stitch
- 5.5mm needles

FOR ABBREVIATIONS SEE PAGE 97

**ABOUT THE YARN**

**Cascade Cantata** is a lofty aran-weight yarn of 70% cotton and 30% wool, with a chainette construction for warmth and extra bouncy texture. Especially suitable for interseasonal projects, this yarn should be hand washed and dried flat. A 100g (200g) hank costs £6.99 from [woolwarehouse.com](http://woolwarehouse.com)

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**great ADVICE**

"When repeating Rows 2-3, you can work out where to slip the next stitch. Knit up to the last two stitches of same colour, then it's time to slip the first one of these."

LK DESIGNER, *Jo Allport*

# Party PINWHEEL

CREATE STUNNING EFFECTS WITH THIS  
MODULAR SHORT ROW TECHNIQUE

Believe it or not, you only have to join one edge to finish each side of Jo Allport's spiral cushion, as after the first segment, each one is worked along the edge of the previous one, just in the opposite direction. This graceful effect is especially striking in two colours, and being worked in garter stitch means you can focus on this useful shaping skill!

**Two-row STRIPES**

For quick colour changes in only two yarns, weave the yarn not in use loosely up the side of the work, so it is to hand when needed again for the next stripe. When changing yarns, always bring the new shade up the needle in the same way, and when making up be sure to catch actual stitches rather than carried yarn, otherwise the seam will have gaps in it.





TRY A  
NEW EFFECT!

*Learn new stitches in  
easy steps*

Start knitting here...

### CUSHION SIDE

(make two)

Using 5.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 35 sts

□ Set-up row (WS): sl 1 wyib, k to end

**NOTE: Rows 1-3 are double rows, worked back and forth; letter foll row indicates shade**

Join in yarn B

□ \*\* Row 1 (RS) B: k to last two sts, sl 1 wyib, bring yarn to front, turn, k to end

□ Row 2 (RS) A: k to last three sts, sl 1 wyib, bring yarn to front, turn, k to end

□ Row 3 (RS) B: k to last four sts, sl 1 wyib, bring yarn to front, turn, k to end

□ Rep Rows 2-3, working to one st earlier than previous row until

two sts in yarn B rem

□ Next row (RS) A: k1, \* work next st by inserting tip of RH needle into st in row below, k this st

tog with st on needle, rep from \* to last st, k1

□ Next row (WS) A: k to end \*\*

□ Rep from \*\* to \*\* five times more to make six segments

Cut yarn B

□ Cast off in yarn A

### TO MAKE UP

Sew cast-off edge to cast-on edge using mattress stitch so join matches other segments. Run yarn through centre sts and pull tight to secure. Weave in ends. Stitch front to back leaving small gap. Stuff and close gap **LK**



**"Rewind your hanks into balls before starting, as yarn does not knit at all smoothly from this type of winding."**

LK Acting Deputy Editor, **Neti Love**

To show the full effect of this technique, the images below are worked on the last segment of one side of the cushion. The initial 35 stitches have been cast on and, for the first segment only, the set-up row has been completed. We begin with Row 1 of the pattern and the steps are the same for each segment.

1



### SLIP ONE WYIB

With yarn B on Row 1, knit to the last two stitches (in yarn A). Still with the yarn at the back, slip the next stitch purlwise onto the right needle. Bring the yarn forward – this will wrap around the stitch – and turn your work, leaving two stitches unworked.

2



### KNIT TO THE END

The yarn A stitch is now the first stitch on the left needle, and the yarn B strand goes across the front of this stitch and between the needle tips, ready to knit this yarn A stitch. Do not pull the yarn tightly. Knit to the end to complete Row 1.

3



### KNIT ONE STITCH LESS

Change to yarn A for Row 2 and knit to the last three stitches, one stitch less than the previous set. Slip the next stitch, bring the yarn to the front and turn as in Step 1, and knit the slipped stitch and the rest of the row.

4



### SPLIT LAST MATCHING PAIR

Change to yarn B for Row 3 and work to the last four stitches. The shades alternate on the short rows. At the last two in the same yarn (opposite to working yarn) slip the first one purlwise, bring yarn to the front, turn and knit the row.

5



### INCREASE UNWORKED STITCHES

Continue to increase the number of unworked stitches by one stitch every double row, changing shades every double row. All the rows have been completed and you can see that every stitch has the opposite shade next to it. Knit the next row in yarn A.

6



### KNIT INTO STITCH BELOW

To finish the segment using yarn A, knit the first stitch. Next insert the right needle tip knitwise through the next stitch on the left needle and then into the stitch in the row below and knit as one. Repeat this across the row to the last stitch, and knit this last (unwrapped) stitch. Knit one more row.



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## Square of THE MONTH

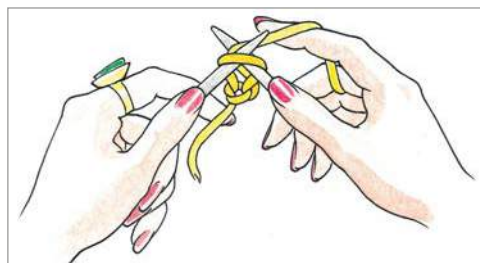
### HOUSES

Cast on a multiple of ten sts plus three

- Row 1 (WS) and all foll alt rows: p
- Row 2: k1, \* k1, yfwd, ssk, k2tog, yfwd, rep from \* to last two sts, k2
- Row 4: as Row 2
- Row 6: as Row 2
- Row 8: k1, \* k1, yfwd, ssk, k5, k2tog, yfwd, rep from \* to last two sts, k2
- Row 10: k1, \* k2, yfwd, ssk, k3, k2tog, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to last two sts, k2
- Row 12: k1, \* k3, yfwd, ssk, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2, rep from \* to last two sts, k2
- Row 14: k1, \* k4, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k3, rep from \* to last two sts, k2
- Rep Rows 1-14
- P one row

We cast on 43 sts. Our square is knitted in DK yarn on 3.5mm needles. This square is part of the Stitch on Sunday blanket knitalong by Kelly Menzies – you can join in with the KAL by following @rowrowandkades on Instagram

## How to cast on (two needle method)



1 Create a slipknot on your left-hand needle, pulling it taut (but not too tight). Carefully insert the right-needle into the knot from front to back, passing under the left-hand needle. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the point of the right needle.



2 Pull the loop that forms back through the original stitch (knot) and insert the tip of the left-hand needle into the new stitch from underneath to transfer it from the right-hand to the left-hand needle. There should now be two stitches on the left needle.



3 Repeat Steps 1 and 2, knitting into the top stitch on the left needle and returning the new stitches from the right to the left needle, until you have the required number of stitches.



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## Knit stitch



1 Once cast on, insert the tip of the right needle upwards and from front to back into the top stitch on the left needle. The right-hand needle should sit behind the left-hand one. Wrap the ball end of yarn anticlockwise around the tip of the right-hand needle.

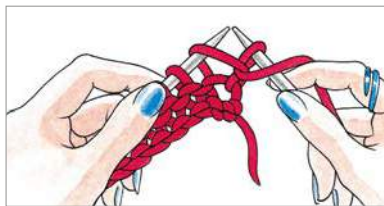


2 Using the right-hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right-hand needle. Slide the original stitch off the left-hand needle. Repeat from Step 1. You are now knitting!

## Purl stitch



1 With the ball end of the yarn at the front (toward you) insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front loop of the first stitch from right to left, with the right-hand needle in front of the left-hand needle. Wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the needle.

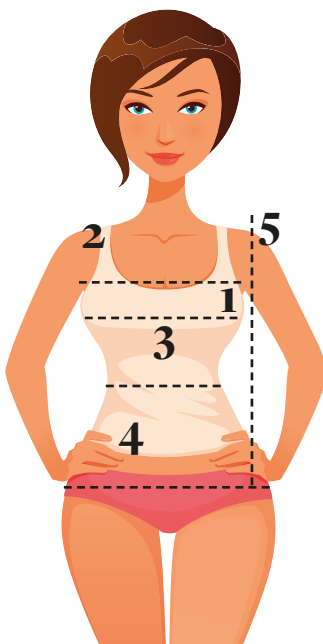


2 Draw the needle backwards and upwards, forming a new stitch on the right-hand needle. Now let the loop from the left needle slide off the end. Repeat Steps 1 and 2.

## Needle sizing

UK (mm)	Old UK
2	14
2.25	13
2.75	12
3	11
3.25	10
3.5	-
3.75	9
4	8
4.5	7
5	6
5.5	5
6	4
6.5	3
7	2
7.5	1
8	0
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10	000
12	-
15	-
16	-
19	-
20	-
25	-

## How to take measurements



Our handy diagram shows you where to take some key measurements. If possible, get someone else to help you. Hold the tape measure level and comfortably snug, but avoid pulling tight.

- BUST** – measure around the fullest part of the bust
- HIGH BUST** – measure directly under the arms and above the bust. This is useful for particularly fitted designs
- WAIST** – tie a length of narrow elastic around the waist and let it settle naturally at your waistline, then measure over the elastic
- HIP** – measure around the fullest part of the hips
- BACK OF NECK TO HIP** – this is a common garment length, but designs can be longer or shorter depending on your preference

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## Tension

Most projects, especially garments, include a tension square like this one:

22 sts x 28 rows

10cm x 10cm

Stocking stitch

4mm needles

Before starting a project you should knit a sample square to check your tension is correct. Using the same yarn and needles as in your pattern, cast on the number of stitches given in the tension square plus five more, and work in the specified stitch for the same number of rows plus five more. In the example on the left, you would cast on 27 stitches and work 33 rows in stocking stitch. Block the square as you would your finished project.

Use pins and a ruler to mark out a 10cm square area in the centre. Carefully count the number of stitches and rows over 10cm (for stocking stitch this is easy as each stitch is a clearly defined v-shape).

If your stitch and row counts match the tension square then the size of your finished item should be correct. Too many stitches and rows mean your knitting is too tight, so try a larger needle. If it's too loose, with fewer stitches and rows, try going down a needle size.



# Last-minute Make

CREATE A CLUSTER OF MISTLETOE WITH **LESLEY STANFIELD'S** GARTER STITCH SPRIGS FOR AN EVERGREEN DECORATION

## MEASUREMENTS & SIZES

Size (approx): 9cm across

## KNIT KIT

**Yarn:** DK, green, small amount

**Needles:** double-pointed needles, two

Beads, pearl, two

**Sewing needle and matching thread**

**Tapestry needle**

**NOTE:** we suggest 3.5mm needles, but adjust to suit your preferred tension

Start  
knitting  
here...

## MISTLETOE

### Leaves

Using double-pointed needles and thumb method, cast on five sts

☐ Row 1 (RS): kfb, k2, kfb, k1.

Seven sts

☐ Row 2: k to end

☐ Row 3: kfb, k4, kfb, k1.

Nine sts

☐ Rows 4-8: k to end

☐ Row 9: k1, k2tog, k6.

Eight sts

☐ Row 10: k to end

☐ Row 11: k1, k2tog, k5.

Seven sts

☐ Row 12: k to end

☐ Row 13: k1, k2tog, k4. Six sts

☐ Rows 14-16: k to end

☐ Row 17: k1, k2tog, k3.

Five sts

☐ Rows 18-20: k to end

☐ Row 21: k1, k2tog, k2.

Four sts

☐ Rows 22-24: k to end

☐ Row 25: k1, k2tog, k1.

Three sts

☐ Rows 26-28: k to end

☐ Row 29: kfb, k2. Four sts

☐ Rows 30-32: k to end

☐ Row 33: kfb, k3. Five sts

☐ Rows 34-36: k to end

☐ Row 37: kfb, k4. Six sts

☐ Row 38: k to end

☐ Row 39: kfb, k5. Seven sts

☐ Row 40: k to end

☐ Row 41: kfb, k6. Eight sts

☐ Row 42: k to end

☐ Row 43: kfb, k7. Nine sts

☐ Rows 44-48: k to end

☐ Row 49: k1, k2tog, k3,

k2tog, k1. Seven sts

☐ Row 50: k to end

☐ Row 51: k1, k2tog, k1,

k2tog, k1. Five sts

☐ Cast off

### Stem

Using double-pointed needles, cast on two sts

☐ Work i-cord as folls:

\* without turning, slide sts to other end of needle, pull yarn tight across back of work, k2, rep from \* until i-cord meas 5cm

☐ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Curving the leaves, press to shape. Attach stem and sew on beads. **LK**

## Knitted BERRIES

If you'd prefer to knit the mistletoe berries, work a bobble in white

DK using 3.5mm needles. Begin with two stitches, then kfbf into the first stitch and kfb into the second.

Beginning with a purl row, work three rows in stocking stitch, then on the next row, work ssk, knit one, k2tog. Cut the yarn and thread through the remaining stitches, then pull tight and fasten off.



## Love this?

Containing endless inspiration for nature-lovers, the 75 mini projects in this new and updated version of *Birds, Butterflies & Little Beasts to Knit & Crochet!* by Lesley Stanfield (£10.99, Search Press) includes everything from pebbles to a white dove, creepy crawlies to flowers, and sea creatures to mushrooms! There is also a wonderful projects section for combining designs to create larger seasonal projects.

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## Yarn Weights and Substitution

YARN TYPE	STANDARD TENSION	STANDARD NEEDLE SIZE
Lace	30-33 sts-36-50 rows	2mm-3mm
4ply	28 sts-36 rows	3.25mm
Sport	26 sts-32 rows	3.5mm
DK	22 sts-28 rows	4mm
Aran	18 sts-24 rows	5mm
Chunky	14 sts-19 rows	6.5mm
Super Chunky	9 sts-12 rows	10mm

Swapping in a different yarn?

Here are some points to remember.

■ Choose one with a similar tension to the specified yarn.

Match the tension given on the ball band of the yarns, as the pattern may use a different stitch.

■ Consider the fibre content and how this might affect the finished project. For example, cotton yarn

will knit up very differently to wool.

■ Don't forget to check the care instructions of your new yarn. Not all yarns are machine washable.

■ Look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project.



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- Weave in ends on the wrong side of the work, along seams if possible. Instead of tying any knots it's preferable to secure the yarn by splitting a stitch and pulling the yarn through it
- Steam, press or wet block all individual pieces (see right) and leave them to dry thoroughly before sewing up.
- Using the correct technique for sewing together your pieces will result in a much more professional finish. See below for our step-by-step guide.
- Take care to follow the correct washing instructions for your fibre – you should find these on the ball band.

## BLOCKING

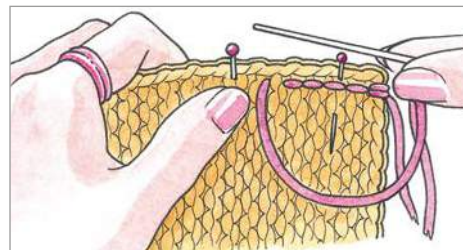
This is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions and even out your stitches. There are a few different ways to achieve this:

**Wet blocking:** dampen the pieces, gently squeeze out excess water, pin to correct measurements, leave to dry.  
**Steaming:** lay a damp cloth over your work and gently iron over the top. Do not iron directly on to your knitting. Continue until the cloth is dry. Alternatively, gently hover over your work with the iron and apply steam until the knitting relaxes. Pin to the desired measurements and allow to set.

## Back stitch

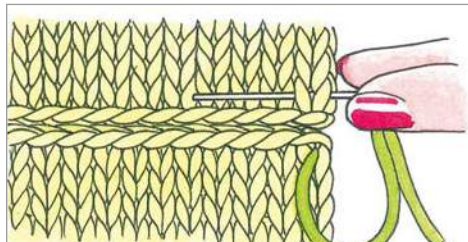


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

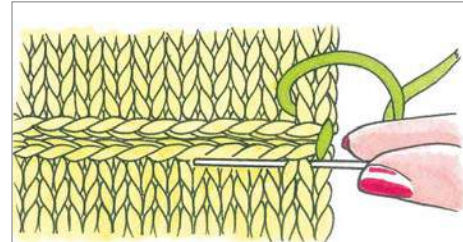


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

## Joining cast-off edges



1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

## Beginning a seam



1 With the pieces placed next to each other with right side upwards, thread the yarn tail through the fabric after the first stitch, moving the needle from front to back. Then, take the needle behind the first stitch on the second piece from the back of the work to the front. The yarn will form a figure 8. Tug gently to secure.

## Mattress stitch



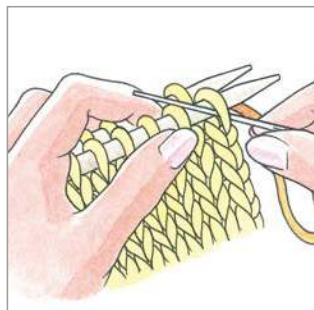
1 With the two pieces to be joined lying next to each other, hook the horizontal bar of the first stitch with the tapestry needle. Move to the other piece and hook the first horizontal bar of the stitch on that side.  
 2 Repeat this moving from one piece to the next and pulling the yarn to tighten the join.



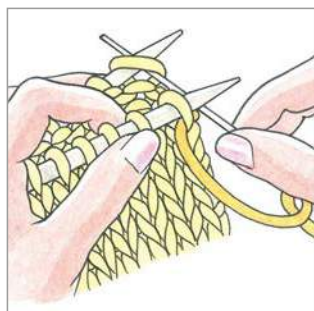
## Kitchener stitch

This is a brilliant technique for grafting toe stitches together on socks. It is worked as follows:

**SET UP:** Before starting you need to prepare the stitches on the needle. Hold the two needles with the remaining stitches parallel. The loose end of yarn should be coming from the back needle and lying to the right of the work.



1 Thread yarn end onto a tapestry needle and insert it purlwise into the first stitch on the needle closest to you. Pull the yarn through but leave the stitch on the needle.



2 Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the back needle and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



3 Having set up as shown in Steps 1 and 2, repeat Steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the front needle purlwise and pull the yarn through, this time leaving the stitch on the needle.



4 Insert the tapestry needle purlwise into the first stitch on the back needle and slide it off. Before pulling the yarn through this stitch, insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise and pull the yarn through, leaving the stitch on the needle.

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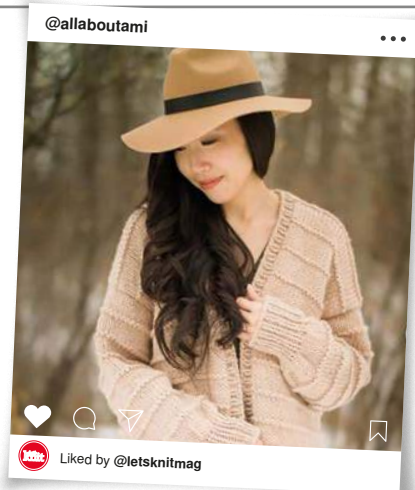
## Abbreviations

<b>0</b>	no stitches, times or rows	<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>-</b>	no stitches, times or rows for that size	<b>skpo</b>	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
<b>alt</b>	alternate	<b>sk2po</b>	slip next stitch kwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
<b>approx</b>	approximately	<b>sl 2, k1, p2ssso</b>	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
<b>beg</b>	beginning	<b>p wrap</b>	Slip the wrapped stitch from the left hand to right hand needle, insert left hand needle into wrap, return stitch to left hand needle, purl wrap and stitch together
<b>C4F</b>	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>st</b>	stitch (es)
<b>C4B</b>	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>st 1</b>	slip one stitch
<b>ch</b>	chain stitch	<b>sl st</b>	slip stitch
<b>ch sp</b>	chain space	<b>sm</b>	slip marker
<b>cm</b>	centimetres	<b>sp (s)</b>	space(s)
<b>cn</b>	cable needle	<b>ssk</b>	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
<b>cont</b>	continue (ing)	<b>st (s)</b>	stitch (es)
<b>dc</b>	double crochet	<b>st st</b>	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
<b>dc2tog</b>	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	<b>tbl</b>	through the back loop (s)
<b>dec</b>	decrease (ing)	<b>tr</b>	treble crochet
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)	<b>w&amp;t</b>	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
<b>dtr</b>	double treble crochet		(on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
<b>fol (s)</b>	following (follows)	<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>htr</b>	half treble crochet	<b>wyib</b>	with yarn in back
<b>inc</b>	increase (ing)	<b>wyif</b>	with yarn in front
<b>k</b>	knit	<b>yb</b>	yarn back
<b>kfb</b>	knit into the front and the back of next stitch	<b>yfwd</b>	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
<b>kfbf</b>	knit into the front, back and front of the next stitch	<b>yo</b>	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
<b>k2tog</b>	knit two stitches together	<b>yoh</b>	yarn over hook
<b>kwise</b>	knitwise	<b>yon</b>	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
<b>k wrap</b>	insert right hand needle up through the wrap and into the stitch, knit the wrap together with stitch	<b>yrn</b>	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
<b>st</b>	stitch	<b>y2rn</b>	wrap yarn twice around needle
<b>LH</b>	left hand	*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
<b>m1</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it	<b>0 [ ]</b>	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
<b>m1p</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it		
<b>meas</b>	measure (s)		
<b>mm</b>	millimetres		
<b>N1 (2, 3)</b>	needle 1 (2, 3)		
<b>p</b>	purl		
<b>patt</b>	pattern		
<b>pb</b>	place bead		
<b>pfb</b>	purl into the front and back of next st		
<b>pm</b>	place marker		
<b>p2tog</b>	purl two stitches together		
<b>prev</b>	previous		
<b>pssso</b>	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
<b>p2ssso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise		
<b>rem</b>	remain (ing)		
<b>rep</b>	repeat (ing)		
<b>rev st st</b>	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		
<b>rm</b>	remove marker		
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)		
<b>RH</b>	right hand		

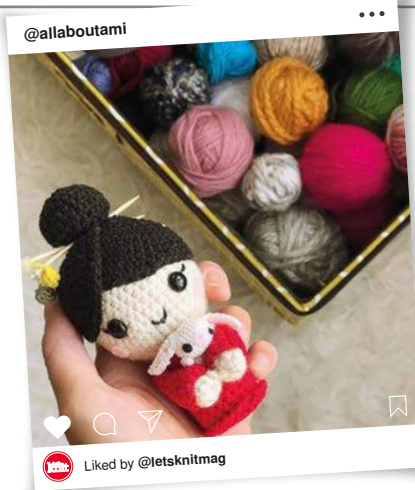


# LIFE ON THE GRID

FALL IN LOVE WITH AMIGURUMI WITH STEPHANIE LAU, A BLOGGING KNIT AND CROCHET DESIGNER WITH TONNES OF ADORABLE DESIGNS TO SHARE



**I'm Stephanie, and I am a crochet and knit designer and blogger based in Alberta, Canada!** I first learned how to knit and crochet when I was ten years old, and back then I learned from books. I always loved doing crafts as a child and I dabbled in jewellery-making, scrapbooking, macramé and embossing. I was so excited to learn how to knit and crochet and I used to make my own stuffed animals and clothing for my dolls. These crafts are a wonderful creative outlet for me as I love expressing myself through my designs!



**Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitted or crocheted stuffed animals!** As a ten-year-old, I crocheted a pig, bunny and cat for my sister and I to play with and rediscovered amigurumi as an adult after I got married. This love of amigurumi inspired me to start my blog 'All About Ami' in January 2011 and after several months of blogging, we released our first original amigurumi design, the 'Chinese New Year Doll'. It is so special bringing stuffed animals to life with yarn, like classic teddy bears and zodiac animals!



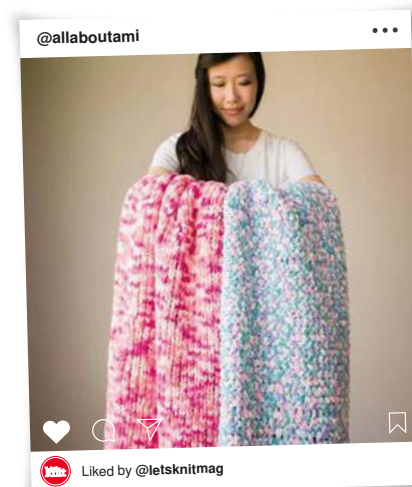
**My husband Ryan and I have always loved crafting together – we had many DIY elements in our wedding!** Now we work together on our designs and blog. Ryan helps do the initial sketches of our amigurumi and does a lot of the seaming (my least favourite part), as well as the beautiful photography so we can showcase our designs to readers around the world! Our daughters enjoy getting involved as well; our eldest has many knit and crochet projects under her belt already! Our younger daughter is also very creative and enjoys jewellery-making and art.



**Once I've determined which yarn I want to use for a knit design, I begin swatching with various needle sizes and trying out different stitches.** I meticulously write down all my notes as it's so easy to forget details. I am inspired to create garments that I personally want to wear, and I love relaxed and oversized cardigans as they have such a stylish look. I would say my favourite knit designs are my Uptown, Midtown and Downtown Cardigan (above) series. I wear them all the time and they are great beginner-friendly designs featuring the relaxing garter stitch!



**I personally find crocheting easier than knitting since you only hold one tool and it's easier to frog your work and fix mistakes.** For knitters looking to try their hand at crochet, I would recommend starting off with a headband or scarf (some easy ones on my blog include the Knotted Headband and Long Double Crochet Cowl). I also have a blog post entitled 'Amigurumi for Beginners' for those who are interested in crocheting stuffed animals. I list some useful techniques such as the magic circle, invisible decrease and how there is technically a right side of amigurumi!



**My followers can look forward to beautiful, easy-to-follow knit and crochet patterns that are explained with many detailed process photos.** I love sharing the stories behind my designs and what inspired me to create them. Whether you feel like whipping up a quick hat or working on a more long-term project, such as a cardigan, I have free patterns that will help you learn new stitches and try out new techniques. I have a knit blanket and knit cardigan in mind for the autumn/winter season and I am excited to share them with my audience!

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