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Fill your summer knitting bags with our gorgeous patterns!

Summer's here and our June issue reflects what we love about it. Picnics and outdoor parties are represented in our **Cookies & Cupcakes Pattern Book** packed with the 'tastiest' knits ever! Jo Allport has ditched the sleeves with a **sprinkly striped tank top** for white jeans, denim shorts and floaty skirts. Our men's button-up vest is perfect for popping on over a linen shirt. For babies we have a **colour-block jumper from Rowan** and kids' knits bring the weather with them with a fluffy rainbow jumper. Bronagh Miskelly's **Lace sleeved jumper** covers those grey summer days alongside Sarah Hatton's **cropped sweater**, and fun knits include our **doughnut cushion, bird-feet booties, squishy work vehicles**. There's so much to inspire you this summer!



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Our packed Cookies & Cupcakes party food pattern book

This issue we're having a party with our fabulous extra pattern offering! Sachiyo Ishii has created the most delightful collection of delicious party food patterns for you to knit. Choose from cakes, sweets, cookies, scones and ice cream in an array of the prettiest colours for the ultimate in knitting deliciousness! And the best thing is, these beauties are calorie free!

- ✓ Quick and easy
- ✓ Stashbusting knits
- ✓ Fun for playtimes



WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR PARTY FOOD COLLECTION



MUST-HAVE GIFTS NEXT ISSUE!

Knitted Gifts Pattern Collection

Enjoy those special gifting moments all the more when you're working on a knit from this gorgeous collection of projects. Specially curated from favourite patterns, this selection of lovely knits make the perfect resource for all the family and every single occasion you can think of.



Don't miss Doris the Donkey!

With her finest blanket and posh hat (complete with flower embellishment) Doris is togged up in her Sunday best ready for a day at the beach! Amanda Berry's charming donkey is a joy to knit and makes a squishy addition to anyone's toy collection!



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BOUNCING BABES

Baby pattern collections don't come much cuter than this new one from Rowan. Subtle tones, simple shapes and charming colourwork make up Lisa Richardson's latest baby patterns. From hats and tank tops to sweaters and blankets, there's enough to inspire a nursery colour scheme.

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What I'm loving...

...butterfly darning, squishy whales, personalised baby wear, fun knits for kids and grease-free handcream!

Tiger Swallowtail Jumper

If you love butterflies, this Tiger Swallowtail pattern by Alexandria Wenninger of Wee Ewe Knits is for you. It comes in two versions: cropped as a sweater or longer to wear as a standalone top. Loose fit with dropped shoulders, the butterfly detail is Swiss darned. **Pattern PDF \$8.99 (around £7.70), Alexandria Wenninger, www.ravelry.com**

Wow-factor stitches



Mini Hat Kits

Add a personal touch to a baby gift when you get over to Stitch & Story for one of their cute Mini Hat kits. In sizes 0-2 years, add their name in simple i-cord. Comes in a choice of 13 shades. **Kit £30, www.stitchandstory.com**



Super easy knit!

Watson Whale Kit

Say hi to Watson Whale, who comes in a complete kit from Wool Couture. Super easy to knit, he's perfect for the playroom in machine washable Cotton Candy yarn. Just pick your two favourite shades from the 19 on offer and away you go! **Kit £19.99, www.woolcouturecompany.com**

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For soft hands



Cute Animal Knits Book

Add a menagerie to your wardrobe with Fiona Goble's latest book 'Cute Knitted Animal Scarves, Socks and More'. From koalas to penguins, foxes to owls, sharks to zebras, you'll find your favourite here in 35 easy animal-themed patterns. Published by CICO Books. **Book £14.99, www.rylandpeters.com**



THE LONGEST YARN

Stylecraft are the official yarn sponsors of The Longest Yarn – a knit and crochet commemoration of the D-Day Normandy landings. Crafter Tansy Forster had the original idea which now has 1,000 knitting and crocheting volunteers from all over the world, creating this modern Bayeux tapestry. On display at the Notre Dame Cathedral, France over the summer. Tansy hopes to bring the display to the UK this autumn.

Want to help? Visit The Longest Yarn shop on Etsy to buy crafted items or patterns to make your own, www.etsy.com

Visit the Etsy shop!



New season shades

West Yorkshire Spinners have just added new patterns and six new shades to their Bo Peep DK range!



Washable up to 40°C, Bo Peep Luxury Baby DK has always been a go-to for baby knits and now comes in six new shades with eight cute patterns – choose between enchanting Flower Fairy, Dancing Bluebells, Play Putty Safari Park, Golden Lion and Toy Box for your next baby knitting adventure. Yarn £4.20 for 50g, www.wyspinners.com

NEW YARN
OF THE
MONTH

KING COLE SIMPLY DENIM

This cotton mix yarn from King Cole is a great choice for summer knits



Simply Denim DK has a subtle marl effect which gives that stone-washed, faded look. It includes cool cotton too – just right for lightweight layering. In eight soft shades, it knits up beautifully into cardis, tank tops and sweaters for all the family.

£4.19 for 100g, www.kingcole.com

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What's new from Wool Warehouse LUSCIOUS LAGOON DK

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KNIT AHEAD FOR AUTUMN!

Go green with envy

Make a start on this knit now and you'll have a stylish, oversized sweater dress ready to go when the temperature drops and autumn arrives. Worked in the round, top down, designer Mingbi Luo was inspired by ivy foliage to create this irresistible pattern.

Ivy Sweater Dress pattern PDF £6.42, MONM Knitting, www.ctsy.com



Grow with me

Rowan's latest baby collection features extendable garment patterns!



Introducing 'Grow With Me' pattern collection 5 by Bloom at Rowan. Lisa Richardson's exquisite creations for babies and toddlers are ingeniously crafted to maximize the life of these beloved handknits. Lisa demonstrates the art of incorporating hems and cuffs at a later time, guaranteeing that your little ones can enjoy their meticulously made garments for as long as possible.

Book £10.50, www.knitrowan.com or 01924 371501 for more.



Yarningham is back!



Great summer show!

Yarningham, the proudly different yarn festival, returns by popular demand on 13 and 14 July to the Uffculme Centre in Birmingham, after a year-long hiatus. This friendly, welcoming festival has a packed programme including a marketplace, designers' showcase, workshops, demos, a yarn swap and delicious homemade cakes! **Advance tickets on sale now, £9.50. For more information on workshops and tickets, www.yarningham.co.uk**

What's new on Ravelry
FABULOUS FOSSILS!

Designer Mary has brought together her childhood passion for fossils and her current love for knitting in her gorgeous Fossil Frenzy Tee pattern. It's knitted from the top down with a colourwork section across the body which is packed with fab fossil detail for you to enjoy! **Pattern PDF, \$8 (around £6.45), Mary P Hunt, www.ravelry.com**



ON THE MARKET



Buy a craft shop!

Fancy a crafty career change? The much-loved Mrs Johnson's Emporium in Bond Street, Blackpool is up for sale! "It's been a labour of love to create our fabulous Emporium, because it really is like a fairy tale in this beautiful building," says Mrs Johnson. "I'm so glad my final career was retailing with these lovely people as my customers. Running a wool shop in Blackpool has been bliss." **Contact Kay's, www.kaysestates.co.uk/contact-us/ for details.**

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Layer up this easy-to-wear sweater by **Bronagh Miskelly** all summer long with its stunning lace rib sleeves and chic raglan shaping



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* LACE-SLEEVE SWEATER



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% pure new wool, 50g/104m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 3.75mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A set of 3.75mm circular needles, 40cm long
- Stitch holders
- Stitch marker

TENSION

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

18 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Sleeve pattern using 4mm needles after blocking

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

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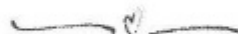
SHOP SMART
SHOP LOCAL!

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"This has got to be my new go-to sweater – the yarn also comes in 50 colours, so if this shade doesn't cut the mustard, there are plenty of other options to choose from!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



LACE-SLEEVE SWEATER

Note When shaping Sleeves, only work yarnovers in pattern when they will sit at least 2 sts in from the edge and can be paired with a k2tog or ssk in pattern. Work in st st when you can't work an inc/dec pair.

BACK

Cast on 100 (104: 112: 118: 124: 128: 134: 140: 146: 152) sts using 3.75mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, ktbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, (k1tbl, P1, yo, ssk, P1, k1tbl) to last 5 (4: 5: 5: 5: 4: 4: 4: 4) sts, ktbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, K1.

Row 2 (WS) P1, ptbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, (pltbl, K1, P2, K1, pltbl) to last 5 (4: 5: 5: 5: 4: 4: 4: 4) sts, ptbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, P1.

Row 3 K1, ktbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, (k1tbl, P1, k2tog, yo, P1, k1tbl) to last 3 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4: 4) sts, ktbl 4 (3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, K1.

Row 4 As Row 2.

Rep Rows 1 to 4 another 5 (5: 5: 5: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6) times.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cont in st st, starting with a K row, work straight for 6 rows.

Next row K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Cont to dec at each end as set on the 2 foll 10th rows.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	97	102	107	112	117	122	127
	in	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	89	93	100	105.5	111	114.5	120	125.5	131	136.5
	in	35	36½	39¼	41½	43¾	45	47¼	49½	51½	53¾
LENGTH	cm	52.5	53	54	54.5	55.5	57.5	59.5	59.5	60.5	61
	in	20¾	21	21¼	21½	21¾	22¾	23½	23½	23¾	24
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	44	46	46	46	46	47	48	48	49
	in	17¼	17¼	18	18	18	18	18½	19	19	19¼
YARN		King Cole Merino Blend DK (50g/104m)									
Mustard (855)		9	9	10	11	11	12	13	13	14	15

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



[94 (98: 106: 112: 118: 122: 128: 134: 140: 146) sts]

Work straight for 11 (11: 11: 9: 9: 9: 7: 7) rows.

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

Cont to inc at each end as set on the 2 foll 10th rows.

[100 (104: 112: 118: 124: 128: 134: 140: 146: 152) sts]

Work straight until 70 (70: 68: 68: 68: 68: 70: 68: 68: 66) st st rows are complete.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next two rows. [94 (98: 104: 110: 116: 118: 124: 128: 132: 136) sts]

Next row (RS) K1, k1tbl, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1tbl, K1.

[2 sts dec'd]

Next row P1, p1tbl, P to last 2 sts, p1tbl, P1.***

Cont to dec at each end as every foll RS row another 22 (24: 25: 25: 24: 26: 26: 28: 29: 31) times, ending after a RS row.

[48 (48: 52: 58: 66: 64: 70: 70: 72: 72) sts]

Next row (WS) P1, p1tbl, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, p1tbl, P1.

Cont to dec on every foll row to 38 (42: 42: 44: 44: 46: 46: 48: 48: 50) sts.

Cast off rem sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back to ***.

[92 (96: 102: 108: 114: 116: 122: 126: 130: 134) sts]

Cont to dec at each end of every foll RS row another 17 (18: 20: 20:

21: 22: 22: 24: 25: 26) times, ending after a WS row.

[58 (60: 62: 68: 72: 72: 78: 78: 80: 82) sts]

SHAPE NECK

Note When shaping neck as given below, work raglan decs a total of another 5 (6: 5: 5: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5) times on RS rows and then work raglan decs on every foll row another 3 (1: 3: 5: 9: 7: 10: 9: 10: 9) times.

Next row (RS) K1, k1tbl, ssk, K15 (14: 15: 18: 19: 19: 22: 21: 22: 23)

sts and leave on holder, **cast off** next 20 (24: 24: 26: 26: 26: 28: 28: 28) sts, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1tbl, K1.

Turn and cont on last 18 (17: 18: 21: 22: 22: 25: 24: 25: 26) sts for right neck only.

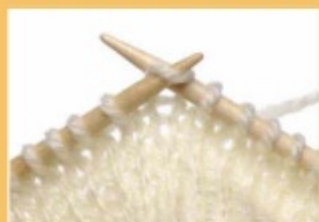
SHAPE RIGHT NECK

Next row P to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1. [1 st dec'd at neck edge]

Next row K1, ssk, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1tbl, K1.

[2 sts dec'd; 1 st at neck edge and 1 st at raglan edge]

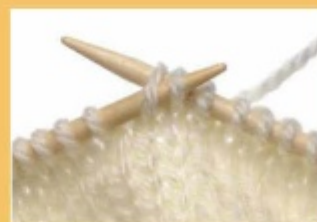
STEP-BY-STEP SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



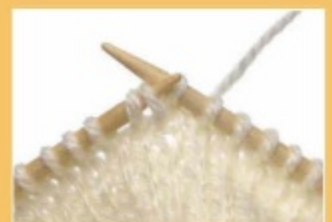
1 Working with the yarn at the back of your knitting, insert the point of the right-hand needle into the next stitch as if to knit, but instead slip the first stitch onto the right-hand needle.



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



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



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



Working another 3 (4: 3: 3: 1: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3) raglan decs on RS rows and another 3 (1: 3: 5: 9: 7: 10: 9: 10: 9) raglan decs on every foll row, AND AT THE SAME TIME dec at neck edge every foll row another 5 (5: 5: 6: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6: 7) times. Note that you will still have raglan decs to make after neck decs are complete.

When all raglan decs are complete, you should have 4 sts rem.

Work as foll:

Next row K2tog, k1tbl, K1. [3 sts]

Next row P1, p2tog. [2 sts]

Cast off rem 2 sts.

SHAPE LEFT NECK

With WS facing rejoin yarn to sts from holder, P1, p2tog, patt to end.

[1 st dec'd at neck edge]

Next row (RS) K1, ssk, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.

[2 sts dec'd; 1 st at neck edge and 1 st at raglan edge]

Working another 3 (4: 3: 3: 1: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3) raglan decs on RS rows and another 3 (1: 3: 5: 9: 7: 10: 9: 10: 9) raglan decs on every foll row, AND AT THE SAME TIME dec at neck edge every foll row another 5 (5: 5: 6: 5: 6: 6: 6: 6: 7) times. Note that you will still have raglan decs to make after neck decs are complete.

When all raglan decs are complete, you should have 4 sts rem.

Work as foll:

Next row K1, k1tbl, ssk. [3 sts]

Next row P2tog, P1. [2 sts]

Cast off rem 2 sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 38 (38: 38: 40: 40: 40: 44: 44: 44: 46) sts using 3.75mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K1, ktbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, (k1tbl, P1, yo, ssk, P1, k1tbl) to last 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 4: 4: 4: 5) sts, ktbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, K1.

Row 2 (WS) P1, ptbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, (p1tbl, K1, P2, K1, p1tbl) to last 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 4: 4: 4: 5) sts, ptbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, P1.

Row 3 K1, ktbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, (k1tbl, P1, k2tog, yo, P1, k1tbl) to last 4 (4: 4: 5: 5: 5: 4: 4: 4: 5) sts, ktbl 3 (3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 3: 3: 3: 4) times, K1.

Row 4 As Row 2.

These 4 rows set Sleeve pattern repeat.

Cont straight in patt as set for another 16 (16: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 20: 20: 20) rows.

Change to 4mm needles.

Cont in patt for another 8 rows.

Next row (RS) K1, M1, patt to last st, M1, K1.

[40 (40: 40: 42: 42: 42: 46: 46: 46: 48) sts]

Cont to inc at each end as set on every foll 10th (8th: 8th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th) Row 5 (2: 6: 2: 10: 5: 5: 4: 2: 2) times, taking increased stitches into pattern (see note).

[50 (44: 52: 46: 62: 52: 56: 54: 50: 52) sts]

Then inc at each end of every foll 12th (10th: 10th: 10th: 10th: 8th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th) Row 2 (6: 3: 6: 0: 6: 6: 7: 12: 12) times to 54 (56: 58: 58: 62: 64: 68: 68: 74: 76) sts.

Work straight for another 19 (17: 19: 21: 17: 19: 21: 21: 21: 23) rows, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Keeping patt correct **cast off** 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5: 6: 7: 8) sts at beg of next two rows. [48 (50: 50: 50: 54: 54: 58: 56: 60: 60) sts]

Next row (RS) K1, k1tbl, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1tbl, K1.

[46 (48: 48: 48: 52: 52: 56: 54: 58: 58) sts]

Next row P1, p1tbl, P to last 2 sts, p1tbl, P1.

Cont to dec at each end as set on every foll 4th row 8 (8: 10: 11: 10: 11: 13: 16: 15: 17) times and then on every foll RS row to 14 (14: 14: 14: 14: 20: 20: 20: 20) sts, ending after a WS row.

Next row Ssk, patt to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Place rem 12 (12: 12: 12: 12: 12: 18: 18: 18: 18) sts on holder.

NECKBAND

Block pieces gently to measurements, and to open out lace Sleeve pattern, following any care instructions on the ballband.

Join all raglan seams.

With RS facing, and using 3.75mm circular, work across left Sleeve as folls: (k1tbl, P1, K2, P1, k1tbl) 2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, then

pick up and knit 42 (44: 44: 42: 48: 46: 46: 50: 56: 54) sts evenly around front neck, work across right Sleeve as folls: (k1tbl, P1, yo, ssk, P1, k1tbl) 2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3: 3: 3) times, then pick up and knit 36 (40: 40: 42: 42: 44: 44: 46: 46: 48) sts across back neck.

[102 (108: 108: 108: 114: 114: 126: 132: 138: 138) sts]

Pm and cont working in the round.

Round 1 (K1tbl, P1, k2tog, yo, P1, k1tbl) to end.

Round 2 (K1tbl, P1, K2, P1, k1tbl) to end.

Round 3 (K1tbl, P1, yo, ssk, P1, k1tbl) to end.

Round 4 As Round 2.

These 4 rounds set pattern rep.

Cont in patt until 9 (9: 9: 9: 9: 13: 13: 13: 17) rounds are complete.

Cast off in patt.

MAKING UP

Weave in ends. Join Sleeve seams and side seams using mattress stitch. 🧶



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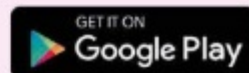
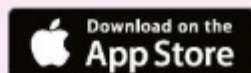
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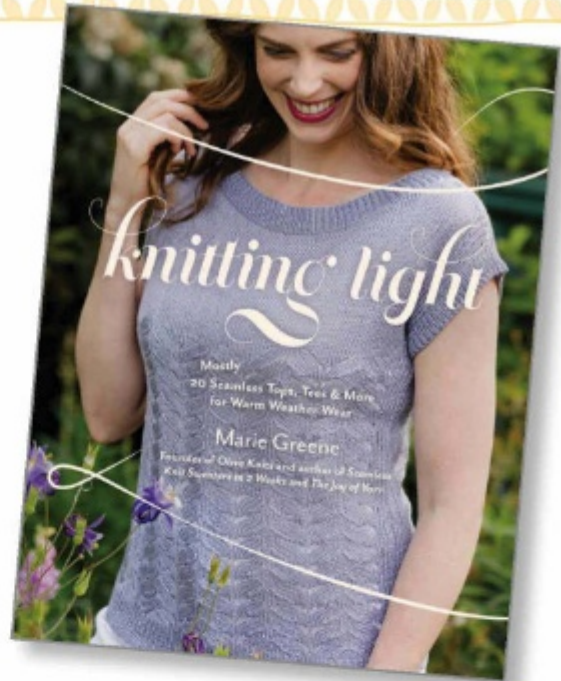
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Book of the month



Marie Greene's new book delivers spring and summer delights!

Marie Greene, renowned knitwear designer and best-selling author, presents a fresh collection of lightweight patterns in 'Knitting Light', designed to keep knitters stylish and comfortable year-round. With 20 mostly seamless tops and tees, knitters no longer need to wait for winter to showcase their creations. Marie's expert guidance caters to knitters of varying skill levels, covering lace details, textures, colours and minimalist designs.

Embrace plant-based fibres

Encouraging exploration beyond wool, Marie invites knitters to delve into plant-based fibres, offering her personal tips and tricks for successful plant-based knitting. For those hesitant to fully transition, the collection includes blends of plant and protein fibres, providing versatility and comfort. Floral-inspired patterns like the Poppy Dotted Top and Wild Iris Striped Tank offer vibrant options for spring and summer, while the pieces can easily be layered under thicker knitwear for colder weather.

The perfect fit

Within her book Marie emphasizes the importance of achieving the perfect fit, offering sizes ranging from S to 6X to accommodate diverse body types. Essential factors such as yarn choice, swatching and understanding ease are shared to ensure each piece becomes a lasting wardrobe staple. With a dedication to empowering knitters worldwide, Marie's work reflects her passion for fostering creative confidence and promoting environmentally friendly yarn options. For further inspiration, knitters can explore her other works, including 'The Joy of Yarn' and 'Seamless Knit Sweaters in 2 Weeks'.

Title: 'Knitting Light'

Author: Marie Green

Publisher: Page Street Publishing, £19.99
(From Amazon and Blackwells)



Kirstie McLead
Editor

Stay in touch!

I love seeing what you've been doing, drop me a line with all your latest news



Pattern from issue 245

Margaret's owl comes with sparkly grey stripes for Christmas

FESTIVE FEATHERS

I wanted to knit the owl in issue 245. I used white wool plus a ball of grey with a sparkly thread going through it. I really enjoyed knitting the owl and think it made a lovely addition to the Christmas decorations. I have been knitting since I was 5, I'm now 76!

■ **Margaret McCartney**
He looks very dapper Margaret. We're thrilled he was a part of your festivities.

SPIRAL SUCCESS

I had just started to knit a jumper for my granddaughter when I received my copy of *Simply Knitting*. I was intrigued by the spiral cable needle gift and couldn't wait to try it. It works so well! The stitches don't slide off and I am really pleased with the results. I can't wait to see your other gift ideas.

■ **Christine Warwick**
Thanks for your invaluable feedback Christine. It means the world to us!



Christine knitted her jumper with our spiral cable needle gift from issue 248

★ STAR LETTER ★

TIME FLIES

I love your magazine and have enjoyed it for years. I put aside issue 132 some time ago because I wanted to make the Alan Dart Hickory Dickory Dock pattern and yet I kept waiting for the right time. It finally came, and I made it (without the mouse). It is next to my English bracket clock as I love the contrast between the sublime and the ridiculous. My version is a bit 'rustic' compared to Alan Dart's, but it only shows how fun some things can be without being perfect. My grandkids think I'm a bit 'dotty'! I love and keep my issues, as you can see!

■ **Melissa Pagel**
We love hearing about patterns that are kept for special moments, and winning knits like this!



Pattern from issue 132

Melissa's Hickory Dickory Dock clock gets pride of place on the wall at home



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WHAT'S TRENDING THIS MONTH.....

We always keep up with what our readers are making – this issue it's Easter-themed knits

From issues 210 & 231



LIL' RABBITS

These gorgeous Beatrix Potter™ bunnies were knitted for Janet's five grandchildren. She's hoping to knit the missing *Jemima Puddleduck*™ and *Mrs Tiggywinkle*™ patterns soon too.

■ **Janet Mather**



FLORAL RING

Jackie's keen to bring spring knits into her home with this wonderful daffodil wreath, complete in golden shades. We think it makes a wonderful addition to a family Easter celebration!

■ **Jackie Hallsley**



CUTE CHICKS

Lucky grandchildren were the recipients of Jen's super sweet chick knits. She had so much fun knitting them and even popped some mini eggs inside too before handing them over on Easter Sunday.

■ **Jen Lawrence**

★YARN BOMBER OF THE MONTH★

DRAGON DAYS

I'm part of a yarnbombing group in Nottinghamshire. After our Christmas display came down a member asked if anybody had time to do a dragon to welcome our growing Chinese community and celebrate the Year of the Dragon. As I can't resist a challenge I agreed! Another group member crocheted some Chinese lanterns to decorate the edges. I am very pleased with how he has turned out and he has been well received in the town.

■ **Angela Ford**

He's such a perfect dragon Angela, and just the right knit for helping to make those coming into your community feel welcome.



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Our letter writer wins a fab gift voucher from retailer Black Sheep Wools worth £25!

Angela's striking dragon knit turns heads in Nottinghamshire

PENGUIN PARADE

When I finished making Waddle the Penguin from your recent kit gift, I decided he would be a perfect addition to a Christmas display I created a number of years ago. So he is now the audience for Alan Dart's Carolling Penguins. A perfect combination if a good few years apart in the making.

■ **Elizabeth Cooper**

He looks perfect for your Christmassy scene – well done!



Pattern
from
issue
168

Elizabeth's wrapped-up birds make the perfect Christmassy scene

SOCK SUCCESS

My name is Linette and I am the owner of Breads & Threads Handmade. I knit and crochet many things but socks have always been my passion. I love to watch the patterns unfold as I'm knitting the self-striping ones. Each one is a new adventure. I make my socks for anyone and everyone but mostly for customers. I've combined a few patterns to create a sock that I like.

■ **Linette Ramos**

Socks are addictive aren't they Linette? There's nothing quite like working on a delicate project that fits in your hands.



Linette's sock knits – suitable for any season!

BONUS BLANKETS

I knitted five of these KAL blankets during various lockdowns. I loved the different stitch patterns so much that I did another one recently. For one I used the intarsia technique so I had three balls of wool on the go, and preventing them from twisting together was quite a challenge! But I hope you will agree it was worth the extra trouble.

■ **Sue Lovelock**

We absolutely agree Sue. Your blanket knits were definitely worth the trouble!



Pattern
in
issues
188-193

Multiple stitch patterns make a stunning blanket

★ SUBS STARS ★

Check your issue each month to see if you're selected as a lucky winner!

Check your issue next month to see if you're a winner. Every month, three subscribers win a prize as a thank you for their loyalty to *Simply Knitting*. This month, the winners (below) will each win a gorgeous knitting book* – 'Knitted Animal Friends' by Louise Crowther. Happy knitting!

R Males, Hitchin
I Stiehl, Peterborough
M Trearichi, Southport



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VARIEGATED V-NECK

I have just finished an aran jumper with the free gift of Sirdar Jewelspun Aran yarn with my subscription. The yarn is lovely and soft, great to knit with, so warm and in lovely colours. I will definitely make another sweater or cardigan in a different colour. Thank you SK for the beautiful yarn.

■ **Allison Goode**

What a lovely jumper Alison! It's wonderful to see our subscription gifts being put to brilliant use.



Allison's variegated yarn turns a classic V-neck into a something special

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COUNTING SHEEP

Get creative with your colourwork this month and knit up a pair of sassy socks with their flock of woolly jumpers! By **DROPS**

* SHEEP SOCKS



TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- DROPS Fabel (75% wool, 25% polyamide, 50g/205m)
- 2 balls of **Yarn A** Apple Green (112)
- 1 ball of each
- Yarn B** Cerise (109)
- Yarn C** Grey Blue (103)
- Yarn D** Black (400)
- Yarn E** Off White (100)
- A set of 2.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs), or preferred needles for small circumferences in the round
- Stitch holder or spare needle
- Stitch markers
- Locking stitch markers

TENSION

26 sts and 34 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 2.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

S (M: L)

To fit foot circumference

21 (22: 24)cm, 8¼ (8¾: 9½)in

Actual foot circumference

20 (21.5: 23)cm, 8 (8½: 9)in

Length from cuff to the bottom

of the heel 27 (27: 27)cm,

10½ (10½: 10½)in

Length from heel to toe

(adjustable) 22 (24: 27)cm,

8¾ (9½: 10¾)in

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact DROPS Design www.garnstudio.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- LindeHobby www.lindehobby.co.uk
- Ewe and Ply 01691 587467 or www.eweandply.co.uk



"Bring on the summer days when we can dare to bare our legs – what better way to celebrate a sunny day than these socks in soft and comfy wool-blend Fabel yarn?"

JEN BARTLETT, TECHNICAL EDITOR

SHEEP SOCKS

Notes Make sure to maintain tension in the charted colourwork, changing needle size if necessary to match the st st tension.

SOCKS (MAKE 2)

CUFF

Cast on 60 (64: 68) sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn C, using a long-tail or loose cast on. Join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Place marker for beg of round.

Knit 1 round.

Work in (K2, P2) rib for 4cm.

Next round Knit, dec 4 (8: 4) sts evenly around. [56 (56: 64) sts]

LEG

Join in and break off yarns as needed.

Rounds 1 to 77 Repeating sts 7 (7: 8) times across round, work Chart.

Break off all yarns except Yarn A.

SIZES S AND L ONLY

Next round Knit, dec 2 sts. [54 (-: 62) sts]

SIZE M ONLY

Next round Knit, inc 2 sts. [- (58: -) sts]

ALL SIZES

HEEL FLAP

Next row K26 (28: 30), turn and leave rem 28 (30: 32) sts on a

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

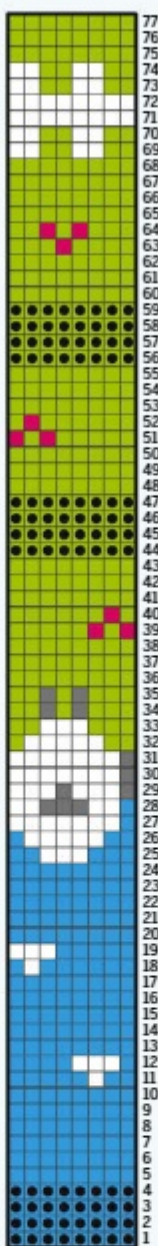
KEY

- Knit
- Purl
- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E

TOP TIP

Combining knitting in the round and stranded colourwork in projects that have a small circumference can be a red flag for tension. Before you start these sheep socks cast on a multiple of 8 and knit a small tension square using the colourwork chart to give yourself a rough guide for gauge. It's better that you find out before you've knitted an entire sock that your tension was all wrong, and your sock is too tight. If your knitting doesn't match the pattern's tension, increase needle size.

CHART



holder or spare needle for instep. [26 (28: 30) heel sts]
Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st on these 26 (28: 30) sts until Heel Flap meas 5 (5.5: 6)cm, ending after a WS row. Place a marker at each end of last row.

HEEL TURN

- Row 1 (RS)** K to last 7 (8: 8) heel sts, skpo, turn. [25 (27: 29) heel sts]
Row 2 (WS) P to last 7 (8: 8) heel sts, Sl 1 knitwise, P1, pssso, turn. [24 (26: 28) heel sts]
Row 3 K to 1 st before gap, skpo, turn. [1 heel st dec'd]
Row 4 P to 1 st before gap, Sl 1 knitwise, P1, pssso, turn. [1 heel st dec'd]
 Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until there are 14 (14: 16) heel sts.

GUSSET

Next row (RS) K to end of heel sts, pick up and knit 13 (14: 16) sts down side of heel flap, place marker, K28 (30: 32) instep sts, place



marker, pick up and knit 13 (14: 16) sts up side of heel flap, K7 (7: 8), place marker for new beg of round. [68 (72: 80) sts]
Resume working in the round on all sts.

Decrease round Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog tbl, slm, knit to marker, slm, k2tog, knit to end. [2 sts dec'd]

Next round Knit.

Rep these 2 rounds a further 7 (7: 9) times. [52 (56: 60) sts]
Remove all markers except beg of round mrk.

FOOT

Knit all rounds until foot meas 18 (19: 21)cm from heel markers, or 4 (5: 6)cm shorter than desired foot length.

TOE

Set-up round Remove marker, K13 (14: 15), place marker, K26 (28: 30), place marker (new beg of round).

Decrease round (K2tog tbl, knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slm) twice. [4 sts dec'd]

Next round Knit.

Rep these 2 rounds a further 3 (6: 8) times, then work dec round only 6 (3: 2) more times. [12 (16: 16) sts]

Next round (K2tog) 6 (8: 8) times. [6 (8: 8) sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten.

FINISHING

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

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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- Bergère de France Adele (72% polyamide, 20% wool, 8% acrylic, 45g/90m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 4.5mm needles
- Stitch holders

TENSION

19 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- Visit Bergère de France at www.bergeredefrance.com

FIND YOUR SIZE

AGE		4yrs	6yrs	8yrs	10yrs	12yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	58.5	63.5	67	71	76
	in	23	25	26.5	28	30
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	60	66	72	78	84
	in	23½	25	26½	28	30
LENGTH	cm	40	44	48	52	56
	in	15¾	17¼	19	20½	22
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	27	30	33	37	41
	in	10¾	11¾	13	14½	16¼
YARN		Bergere de France Adele (45g/98m)				
Yarn A Hiver (10868)		4	4	5	5	6
Yarn B Encre (10872)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Épicéa (10866)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Fraise (10876)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Poussin (10874)		1	1	1	1	1
Yarn F Ruisseau (10873)		1	1	1	1	1

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



KIDS' RAINBOW JUMPER PATTERN NOTES

INTARSIA

Follow chart for size being made. Take a ball of each colour and cross yarns at back of work when changing colour to avoid a hole forming.

BACK

Cast on 59 (65: 69: 75: 81) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

Rep last 2 rows another 3 times, inc 0 (0: 1: 1: 1) st on the final row. [59 (65: 70: 76: 82) sts]**

Change to 4.5 mm needles.

Cont in st st until work meas 24 (27: 30: 33: 36)cm from cast-on edge.

SHAPE RAGLAN

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

[53 (59: 62: 68: 72) sts]

Next row (RS dec) K2, k2tog, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2.

[2 sts dec'd]

SIZES 4 YRS, 6 YRS, 10 YRS AND 12 YRS ONLY

Work Dec Row as set on 1 (2: -: 3: 4) foll RS rows.

[49 (53: -: 60: 62) sts]

SIZES 6 YRS, 10 YRS AND 12 YRS ONLY

Work Dec Row as set on foll 4th row.

[- (51: -: 58: 60) sts]

*Work Dec Row as set on - (3: -: 4: 5) foll RS rows, then on foll 4th

"Who doesn't love the idea of a fluffy rainbow sweater? We wish it was in adult sizes too! From pre-schoolers to tweenagers, this is going to be a wardrobe fave!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



row; rep from * once more. [- (35: -: 38: 39) sts]

Rep Dec Row as set on - (4: -: 4: 2) foll all rows.

SIZES 4 YRS AND 8 YRS ONLY

*Work Dec Row as set on foll 4th row and next 2 (-: 3: -: -) RS rows; rep from * another 3 times.

ALL SIZES

Cast off rem 25 (27: 28: 30: 32) sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **

Change to 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 Using Chart for your size, beg with st 4 (1: 7: 4: 1) and ending on st work to last st of Chart Row 1, PM, knit in Yarn A to end.

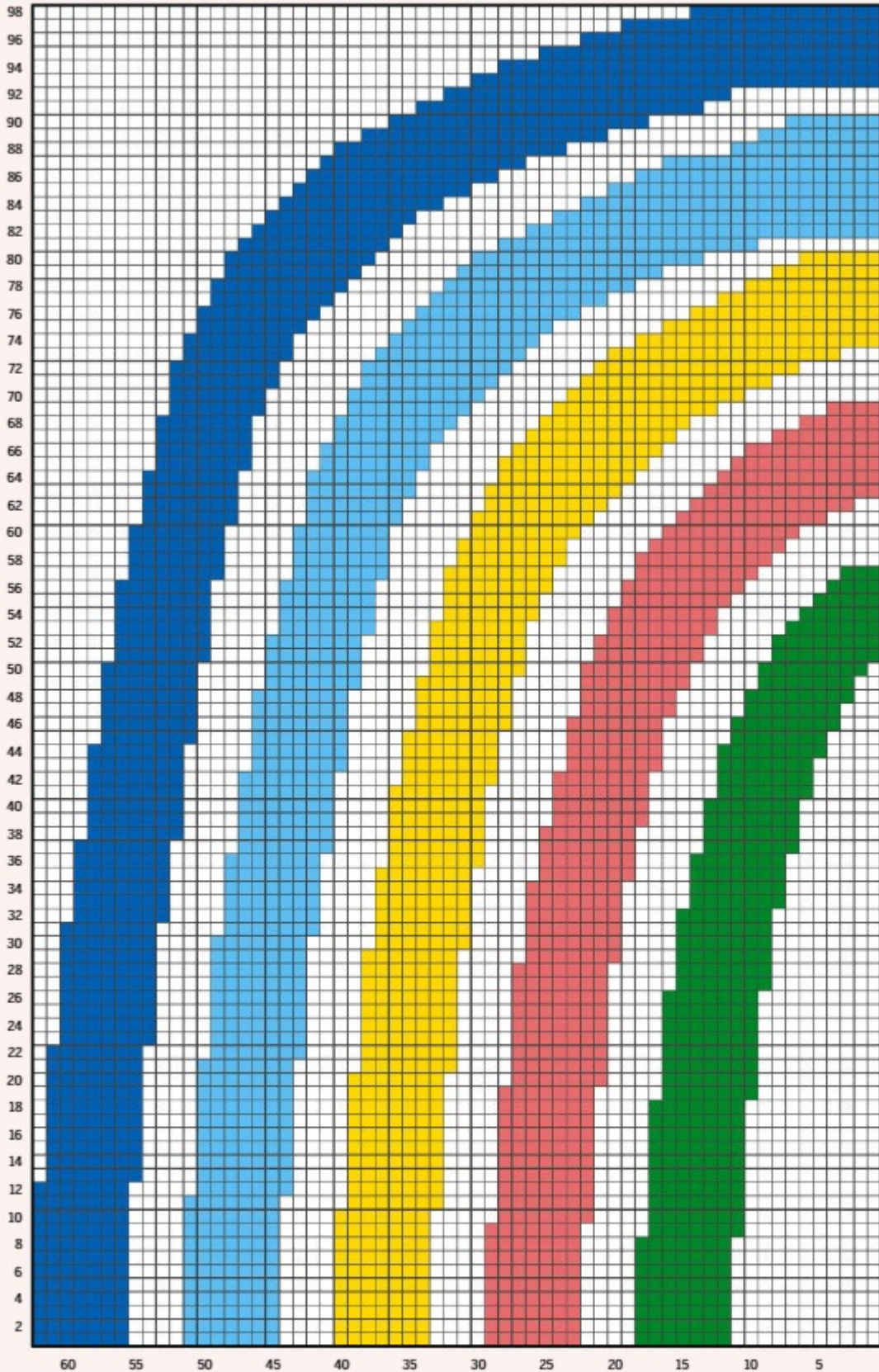
Row 2 Purl in Yarn A to SM, sl SM, work row 2 of Chart for your size to end.

Cont working from Chart as set until Chart Row 57 (57: 80: 80: 80) is complete.

SHAPE RAGLAN & NECK

Continue working from Chart for your size, working in Yarn A only

CHART FOR SIZES 8 YRS, 10 YRS AND 12 YRS



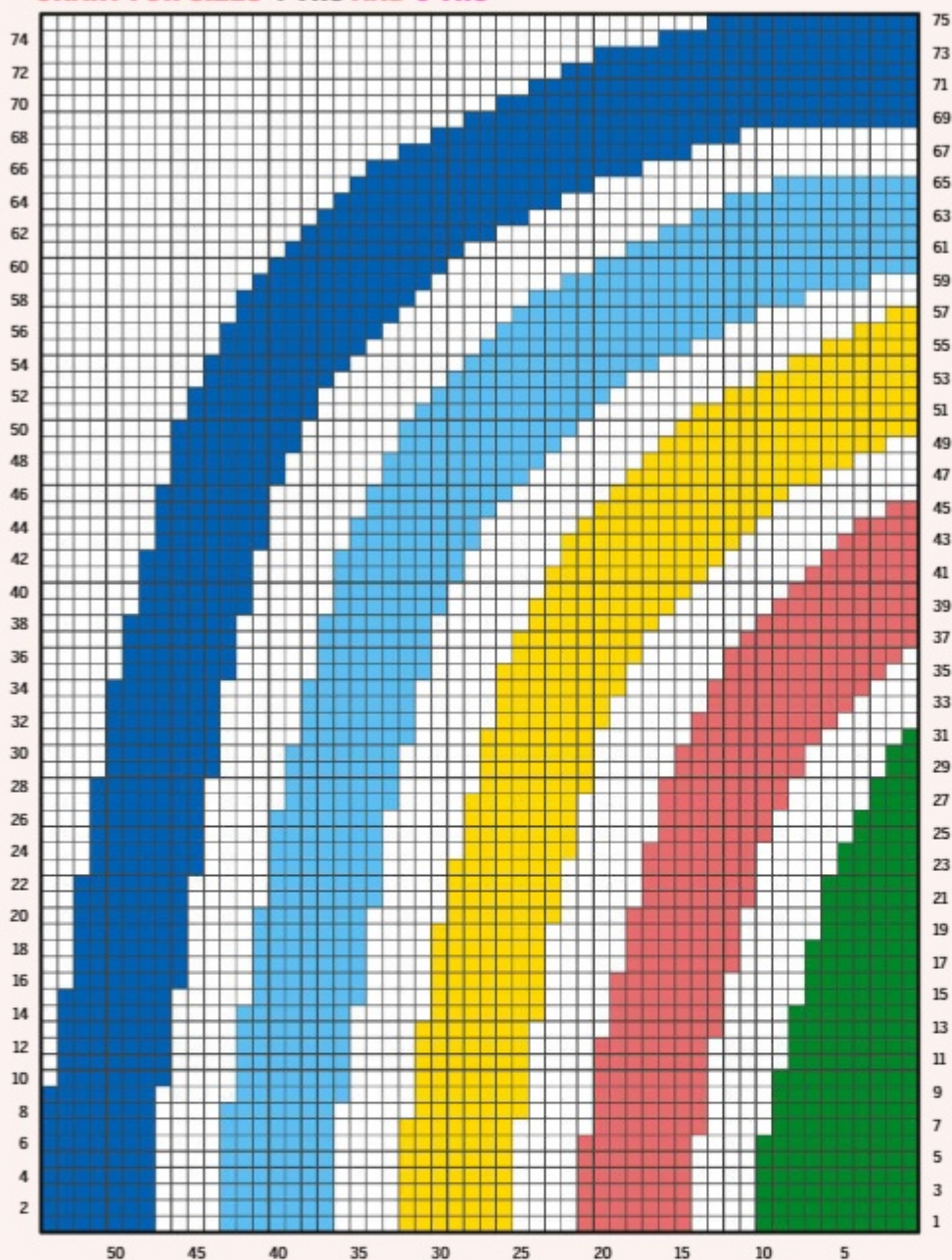
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F

CHART FOR SIZES 4 YRS AND 6 YRS



after all Chart rows are complete, and shaping Raglan and Front Neck as foll:

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4: 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[53 (59: 62: 68: 72) sts]

Next row (RS dec) K2, k2tog, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep Dec Row on foll 1 (2: 1: 3: 4) RS (RS: 4th: RS: RS) rows.
[49 (53: 58: 60: 62) sts]

SIZES 4 YRS, 6 YRS, 10 YRS AND 12 YRS ONLY

Rep Dec Row on foll 4th row.
[47 (51: -: 58: 60) sts]

ALL SIZES

*Work Dec Row as set on 2 (3: 3: 4: 5) foll RS rows, then on foll 4th row; rep from * another 1 (0: 1: 0: 1) times. [35 (43: 42: 48: 48) sts]
Work Dec row on foll 0 (3: 2: 4: 3) RS rows.
[35 (37: 38: 40: 42) sts]
Work 1 WS row.

SIZES 4 YRS, 8 YRS AND 12 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, K9, **cast off** 9 (-: 12: -: 16) sts, K9 skpo, K2.
Cont on last 12 sts for Right Neck and Shoulder.

SIZES 6 YRS AND 10 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) K- (13: -: 13: -), **cast off** - (11: -: 14: -) sts, K to end.
Cont on last Cont on last - (13: -: 13: -) sts for Right Neck and Shoulder.

ALL SIZES

Each side will now be worked separately.

SHAPE RIGHT NECK AND RAGLAN EDGE

Work 1 WS row.

SIZE 4 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [8 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 2 sts, work to end. [6 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 1 st, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

SIZE 6 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [8 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 2 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [6 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 1 sts, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

SIZES 8 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to end. [9 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 2 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [6 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 1 st, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

SIZE 10 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [8 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 2 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [6 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 1 st, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

SIZE 12 YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [8 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 2 sts, work to end. [6 sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 1 st, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

SHAPE LEFT NECK AND RAGLAN EDGE

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to sts for Left Neck and patt to end.

Work as for Right Neck, casting off Neck edge sts on WS rows, and working Raglan decs on RS rows as set.

LEFT SLEEVE

Cast on 35 (37: 39: 41: 43) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 8 rows in rib as set for Back.

Change to 4.5mm needles.

Cont in st st for 12 (12: 10: 10) rows.

Next row (RS inc): K2, M1, work to last 2 sts, M1, K2. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep Inc row on 3 (1: 5: 6: 7) foll 12th (12th: 10th: 10th) rows. [43 (41: 51: 55: 59) sts]

SIZE 6 YRS ONLY

Rep Inc row on 3 foll 10th rows. [47 sts]

ALL SIZES**SHAPE RAGLAN**

Cont straight until sleeve measures 27 (30: 33: 37: 41) cm from cast-on edge.

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4: 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [37 (41: 43: 47: 49) sts]

Next row (RS dec): K2, k2tog, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep Dec Row on foll 1 (2: 1: 3: 4) RS (RS: 4th: RS: RS) rows. [33 (35: 39: 45: 47) sts]

SIZES 4 YRS, 6 YRS, 10 YRS AND 12 YRS ONLY

Rep Dec Row on foll 4th row.

[31 (33: -: 37: 37) sts]

ALL SIZES

*Work Dec Row as set on 2 (3: 3: 4: 5) foll RS rows, then on foll 4th row; rep from * another 2 (1: 2: 1: 1) times.

[13 (17: 15: 17: 13) sts]

SIZES 6 YRS, 8 YRS AND 10 YRS ONLY

Work Dec row as set on - (2: 1: 2: -) foll RS rows.

[- (13: 13: 13: -) sts]

ALL SIZES

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, work to end. [12 sts]

Next row (WS) Cast off 4 sts, work to end. [8 sts]

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, work to end. [7 sts]

Next row (WS) Cast off 3 sts, work to end. [4 sts]

Cast off rem 4 sts.

RIGHT SLEEVE

Work as for Left Sleeve until 13 sts rem, ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [8 sts]

Work 1 row straight.

Next row (RS) Cast off 3 sts, work to last 4 sts, skpo, K2. [4 sts]

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 4 sts.

NECKBAND

Cast on 69 (73: 75: 77: 81) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Work 8 rows in 1x1 rib as for Back and leave on a holder.

FINISHING

Join raglans.

Using back stitch graft the neckband around neck edge, then join the short edges. Sew the sleeve and side seams. Secure and weave in all ends. ●



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Cable cushion

YOU WILL NEED

- West Yorkshire Spinners Re:Treat (chunky, 100% wool, 100g/140m)
2 balls of Mellow (221)
 - A pair of 6mm needles
 - Cushion pad, 35x35cm
- For yarn stockists contact West Yorkshire Spinners. Call 01535 664500 or visit www.wyspinners.com

TENSION

14 sts and 19 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over rev st st using 6mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

C6B Slip next 3 sts onto cn and hold at back of work, K3, K3 from cn C6F slip next 3 sts onto cn and hold at front of work, K3, K3 from cn

Rev st st This is produced in the same way as stockinette, except that the purl stitches are done on the right side and the knit stitches on the wrong side. In the round, reverse stockinette stitch is produced by purling every stitch

For a full list see page 77

BACK (PART 1)

Cast on 51 sts using 6mm needles.

Row 1 *K3, P3; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2 *P3, K3; rep from * to last 3 sts, P3. Rep these 2 rows until rib measures 5cm.

Starting with a purl row, work in reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) until Back (pt1) measures 23cm, ending on a knit row.

FRONT

Continue in rev st st, working cable pattern as follows:

Row 1 (RS) P27, K18, P to end.

Row 2 K6, P18, K to end.

Row 3 P27, (C6B) 3 times, P to end.

Row 4 K6, P18, K to end.

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Row 5 P27, K18, P to end.

Row 6 K6, P18, K to end.

Row 7 P27, K3, (C6F) twice, K3, P to end. When sewing the Back closed, leave long ends in case you need to undo the seam for washing.

Row 8 K6, P18, K to end.

Repeat these 8 rows until Front measures 34cm, ending with a Row 8.

BACK (PART 2)

Starting with a purl row, work in reverse stocking stitch until Back (pt2) measures 18cm.

Row 1 *K3, P3; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2 *P3, K3; rep from * to last 3 sts, P3. Rep these 2 rows until rib measures 5cm.

Cast off in rib.

FINISHING

Folding one row above the cable panel, fold the top Back section down and stitch the sides of the Front and Back together using mattress stitch. Folding one row below the cable panel, fold the bottom Back section up so it overlaps the top section and stitch it in place using mattress stitch. ●





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TWISTS & TURNS

In a wide range of sizes, knit up a cool summer fashion statement with this button-front pocketed waistcoat. By **Pat Menchini**


IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS
YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Essentials Merino DK (100% wool, 50g/120m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- A pair of 4mm needles
- 2 stitch holders
- 7 buttons, 15mm diameter

TENSION

28 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10 cm (4x4in) over patt using 4mm needles
Width of the 29-st Panel is 10cm (4in)

WHERE TO BUY

For yarn stockists visit www.rico-design.de

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- The Homemakery www.thehomemakery.co.uk
- Abakhan www.abakhan.co.uk

ABBREVIATIONS

MIP Pick up and purl into back of horizontal strand before next st
TW2 Slip next st knitwise, K1, pass slipped st over st just knitted and K into back of it
TW3 Slip next 2 sts knitwise, K1, pass 2nd st on right needle over 1st st and K into back of it, now pass 3rd st on right needle over first 2 sts and K into back of it

For a full list see page 77


FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	XXL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	95	104	112	120.5	129.5
	in	37½	40¾	44	47¾	51
LENGTH	cm	65	66	68	70	71
	in	25½	26¼	26¾	27¾	28¼
YARN		Rico Essentials Merino DK (50g/120m)				
Ivy (87)		10	11	12	13	14

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


MEN'S WAISTCOAT PANEL (WORKED OVER 29 STS)

Row 1 (RS) *TW2, P1, K5, P1, TW2,* P3, K1, P3; work from * to *.

Row 2 P11, K3, P1, K3, P11.

Row 3 *TW2, P1, K1, TW3, K1, P1, TW2,* P3, K1, P3; work from * to *.

Row 4 As Row 2.

These 4 rows form Panel.

POCKET LININGS (MAKE 2 ALIKE)

Cast on 26 sts using 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, P24, K1.

Rep these 2 rows until work measures 13cm, working MIP 5 times evenly across last WS row. [31 sts]

Slip these sts on a stitch holder and leave.

BACK

Cast on 115 (127: 139: 149: 161) sts using 3.25mm needles.

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

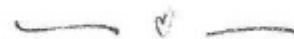
Row 2 P2, (K1, P1) to last st, P1.

Rep these 2 rib rows until work measures 5cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P6 (4: 10: 8: 4), *MIP, P6 (7: 7: 7: 8); rep from * to last 7 (4: 10: 8: 5) sts, MIP, P to end. [133 (145: 157: 169: 181) sts]

"A knitted waistcoat is always a practical solution when you want to add another light layer, and this panelled pattern does it in style! And pockets are always a good idea!"

JEN BARTLETT, TECHNICAL EDITOR



Change to 4 mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K6 (6: 8: 11: 13), (P3, K1) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 1 of Panel, **P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), K1, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6)***, TW2, P1, K5, P1, TW2, work from ** to **, work Row 1 of Panel, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (K1, P3) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, K6 (6: 8: 11: 13).

Row 2 P6 (6: 8: 11: 13), (K3, P1) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 2 of Panel, **K4 (5: 5: 6: 6), P1, K4 (5: 5: 6: 6)***, P11, work from ** to **, work Row 2 of Panel, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (P1, K3) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, P6 (6: 8: 11: 13).

Row 3 K6 (6: 8: 11: 13), (P3, K1) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 3 of Panel, **P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), K1, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6)***, TW2, P1, K1, TW3, K1, P1, TW2, work from ** to **, work Row 3 of Panel, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (K1, P3) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, K6 (6: 8: 11: 13).

Row 4 As Row 2 but working Row 4 of Panel.

These 4 rows set patt.



Cont in patt until work measures 44cm from cast-on edge, measured through centre of work and ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 9 (11: 13: 15: 17) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

[115 (123: 131: 139: 147) sts]

Next row (RS) K1, k2tog tbl, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row P1, p2tog, patt to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1. [2 sts dec'd]
Rep these 2 rows until 105 (109: 113: 121: 125) sts rem.

Next row K1, k2tog tbl, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]

Next row P2, patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Rep these 2 rows until 95 (101: 107: 113: 119) sts rem.

Work straight in patt until Back measures 65 (66: 68: 70: 71)cm from lower edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) sts at beg of next 6 rows, then 7 (9: 7: 9: 10) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Cast off very loosely rem 33 (35: 39: 41: 45) sts.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 55 (61: 67: 73: 79) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Work in rib as on Back for 5cm, ending after a RS row.

Next row (WS) P3 (2: 1: 4: 3), *M1P, P6 (7: 8: 8: 9); rep from * to last 4 (3: 2: 5: 4) sts, M1P, P to end. [64 (70: 76: 82: 88) sts]**

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K3, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), K1, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 1 of Panel, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (K1, P3) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, K6 (6: 8: 11: 13).

Row 2 P6 (6: 8: 11: 13), (K3, P1) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 2 of Panel, K4 (5: 5: 6: 6), P1, K4 (5: 5: 6: 6), P3.

Rows 3 and 4 As Rows 1 and 2 but working Rows 3 and 4 of Panel. These 4 rows set patt.

Cont in patt until pattern section measures 13cm, ending after a WS row.

PLACE POCKET LINING

Next row (RS) Patt 11 (13: 13: 15: 15), *slip next 31 sts on an odd length of yarn and leave, and P1, Panel 29 sts, P1 across 31 sts of pocket lining, patt to end.

Cont straight in patt until Front measures same as Back to start of armhole shaping, ending after a RS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 11 (12: 15: 16: 19) sts at beg of next row.

[53 (58: 61: 66: 69) sts]

Next row (RS) Patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]

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

Rep these 2 rows another 3 (4: 4: 5: 5) times.

[45 (48: 51: 54: 57) sts]

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Row 1 (RS) K1, k2tog tbl, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Row 2 Patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Rep these 2 rows until 38 (41: 40: 44: 46) sts rem, ending after a WS row.

Next row (RS) K2, patt to end.

Next row Patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Next row K1, k2tog tbl, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row Patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Rep the last 4 rows until 31 (33: 34: 36: 37) sts rem.

***Keeping the 2 sts at neck edge in st st as set, work straight until Front measures same as Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 8 (8: 9: 9: 9) sts at beg of next row and the 2 foll alt rows.

Work 1 row straight.

Cast off rem 7 (9: 7: 9: 10) sts.

LEFT FRONT

Work as Right Front to **.

Change to 4mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) K6 (6: 8: 11: 13), (P3, K1) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, P5 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 1 of Panel, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), K1, P4 (5: 5: 6: 6), K3.

Row 2 P3, K4 (5: 5: 6: 6), P1, K4 (5: 5: 6: 6), work Row 2 of Panel, K5 (5: 5: 6: 6), (P1, K3) 3 (4: 5: 5: 6) times, P6 (6: 8: 11: 13).

Rows 3 and 4 As Rows 1 and 2 but working Rows 3 and 4 of Panel. These 4 rows set patt.

Cont in patt until patterned section measures 13cm, ending after a WS row.

PLACE POCKET LINING

Next row (RS) Patt 22 (26: 32: 36: 42), *slip next 31 sts on an odd

length of yarn and leave, and in place of these P1, Panel 29 sts, P1 across 31 sts of pocket lining, patt to end.

Cont straight in patt until Front measures same as Back to start of armhole shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 11 (12: 15: 16: 19) sts at beg of next row.

[53 (58: 61: 66: 69) sts]

Next row (WS) Patt to last 2 sts, P2.

Next row K1, k2tog tbl, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Next row Patt to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1. [1 st dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows another 3 (4: 4: 5: 5) times.

[45 (48: 51: 54: 57) sts]

SHAPE FRONT SLOPE

Row 1 (RS) Patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]

Row 2 P2, patt to end.

Rep these 2 rows until 38 (41: 40: 44: 46) sts rem, ending after a WS row.

Next row (RS) Patt to last 2 sts, K2.

Next row P2, patt to end.

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

Next row P2, patt to end.

Rep the last 4 rows until 31 (33: 34: 36: 37) sts rem.

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

POCKET TOPS (BOTH ALIKE)

With RS facing, slip a group of Pocket sts onto a 3.25mm needle with point facing correctly for first row to be a RS row. Rejoin yarn.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

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

Row 3 K2, (P1, K1) to last st, K1.

Rows 4 and 5 As Rows 2 and 3.

Cast off loosely in rib.

BUTTON BORDER

Join shoulders.

Cast on 11 sts using 3.25mm needles.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 of Pocket Tops until rib fits up Right Front and round to centre back of neck.

Cast off in rib.

Tack Border in place. Mark position for 7 buttons, first one to be in 5th row from lower edge and 7th one level with start of front slope shaping, or up to 6 rows below.

BUTTONHOLE BORDER

Work as Button Border but working buttonholes to match markers as follows:

Row 1 Rib 4, **cast off** 3 sts, rib to end.

Row 2 Work in rib **casting on** 3 sts over those cast off.

ARM BANDS

With 3.25mm needles, RS facing, pick up and K113 (125: 137: 151: 165) sts evenly round armhole.

Purl 1 row.

Bet with a RS row, work 5 rows in rib as on Back.

Cast off evenly in rib.

MAKING UP

Sew down pocket linings on WS and edges of Pocket Tops on RS.

Sew on Borders and Buttons. Join side and Sleeve seams.

Gently press seams only following any yarn care instructions on ball band. ●



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YOU WILL NEED

- Cascade Yarns 220 Heathers (aran, 100% wool, 100g/200m)

For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 4.5mm needles
- Stitch holders
- A cable needle (cn)

TENSION

20 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4.5mm needles

25 sts and 26 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Sleeve Pattern using 4.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

T2B Slip 1 st onto cn and hold at back of work, K1; P1 from cn

T2F Slip 1 st onto cn and hold at front of work, P1; K1 from cn

C2B Slip 1 st to cn and hold at back of work, K1; K1 from cn

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Cascade Yarns www.cascadeyarns.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Wool Warehouse 01926 882818 910 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk



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NICOLA LYNN, ART EDITOR

CROPPED SWEATER SLEEVE PATT

(Worked over 13 sts and 20 rows)

- Row 1 (RS) K2, P2, K1, P4, K1, P2, K1.
- Row 2 (WS) P1, K2, P1, K4, P1, K2, P2.
- Row 3 K2, P2, T2F, P2, T2B, P2, K1.
- Row 4 P1, K3, P1, K2, P1, K3, P2.
- Row 5 K1, T2F, P2, T2F, T2B, P2, T2B.
- Row 6 K1, P1, K3, P2, K3, P1, K1, P1.
- Row 7 K1, P1, T2F, P2, C2B, P2, T2B, P1.
- Row 8 K2, P1, K6, P1, K2, P1.
- Row 9 K1, P2, T2F, P4, T2B, P2.
- Row 10 K3, P1, K4, P1, K3, P1.
- Row 11 K1, P3, K1, P4, K1, P3.
- Row 12 K3, P1, K4, P1, K3, P1.
- Row 13 K1, P2, T2B, P4, T2F, P2.
- Row 14 K2, P1, K6, P1, K2, P1.
- Row 15 K1, P1, T2B, P2, C2B, P2, T2F, P1.
- Row 16 K1, P1, K3, P2, K3, P1, K1, P1.
- Row 17 K1, T2B, P2, T2B, T2F, P2, T2F.
- Row 18 P1, K3, P1, K2, P1, K3, P2.
- Row 19 K2, P2, T2B, P2, T2F, P2, K1.
- Row 20 P1, K2, P1, K4, P1, K2, P2.

BACK

Cast on 98 (110: 118: 130: 138: 150) sts using 4.5mm needles.

FIND YOUR SIZE

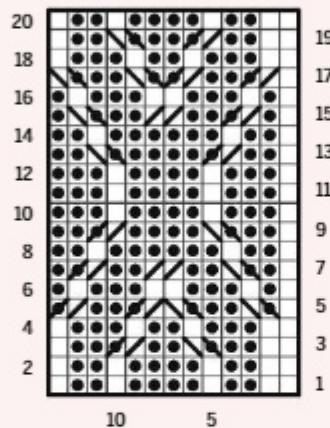
SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54
ACTUAL BUST	cm	97	107	117	127	137	147
	in	38	42	46	50	54	58
LENGTH	cm	55	57	59	61	63	65
	in	21¾	22½	23¾	24	24¾	25½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	29	29	30	31	31	32
	in	11½	11½	12	12¼	12¼	12¾
YARN		Cascade Yarns 220 Heathers (aran, 100g/200m)					
Flamingo (1008)		5	5	6	6	7	8

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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

CHART



KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
-  T2B
-  T2F
-  C2B



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

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

These 2 rows set rib.

Cont in rib until work meas 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 7)cm, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Rib to end, inc 1 (0: 1: 0: 1: 0) st and dec 0 (1: 0: 1: 0: 1) st at end of row. [99 (109: 119: 129: 139: 149) sts]

Beg with a K row and working in st st throughout, cont until work meas 34 (34: 34: 34: 35: 36)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Row 1 (RS) K2, skpo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]

Row 2 (WS) P2, p2tog, purl to last 4 sts, p2togtbl, P2. [2 sts dec'd]

These 2 rows set armhole shaping.

Dec 1 st as set at each end of next 3 (3: 3: 5: 5: 5) rows, then on 4 foll RS rows. [81 (91: 101: 107: 117: 127) sts]**

Cont without shaping until armhole meas 19 (21: 23: 25: 26: 27)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 7 (8: 10: 11: 12: 14) sts at beg of next 4 (2: 4: 4: 2: 4) rows.

[53 (75: 61: 63: 93: 71) sts]

Cast off 8 (9: 11: 11: 13: 14) sts at beg of next 2 (4: 2: 2: 4: 2) rows.

[37 (39: 39: 41: 41: 43) sts]

Leave rem 37 (39: 39: 41: 41: 43) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

Cont without shaping until armholes meas 11 (13: 14: 16: 16: 17)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K29 (33: 39: 41: 47: 51), turn and leave rem sts on a holder.

Cont on these sts only for first side of neck.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 rows, then on 2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4) foll RS rows. [22 (26: 31: 33: 38: 42) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (RS) Cast off 7 (8: 10: 11: 12: 14) sts, knit to end.

[15 (18: 21: 22: 26: 28) sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 7 (9: 10: 11: 13: 14) sts, knit to end.

[8 (9: 11: 11: 13: 14) sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 11: 11: 13: 14) sts.

With RS facing, working on rem sts, leave 23 (25: 23: 25: 23: 25) sts on a holder for front neck, rejoin yarn to rem sts and knit to end.



[29 (33: 39: 41: 47: 51) sts]

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 rows, then on 2 (2: 3: 3: 4: 4) foll RS rows. [22 (26: 31: 33: 38: 42) sts]

Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (WS) Cast off 7 (8: 10: 11: 12: 14) sts, purl to end.

[15 (18: 21: 22: 26: 28) sts]

Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 7 (9: 10: 11: 13: 14) sts, purl to end.

[8 (9: 11: 11: 13: 14) sts]

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 8 (9: 11: 11: 13: 14) sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 58 (62: 62: 66: 66: 66) sts using 4.5mm needles.

Work 4cm in rib as set on Back, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS) Rib to end, inc 1 (0: 1: 0: 0: 1) st and dec 0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0) st at end of row. [59 (61: 63: 65: 65: 67) sts]

SET CABLE PATT

SIZE S ONLY

Row 1 P2, K1, (work Row 1 of Cable patt) 4 times, K2, P2.

Row 2 K2, P2, (work Row 2 of Cable patt) 4 times, P1, K2.

SIZE M ONLY

Row 1 P1, M1, P2, K1, (work Row 1 of Cable patt) 4 times, K2, P2, M1, P1. [63 sts]

Row 2 K1, P1, K2, P2, (work Row 2 of Cable patt) 4 times, P1, K2, P1, K1.

SIZE L ONLY

Row 1 P1, K1, P2, K1, (work Row 1 of Cable patt) 4 times, K2, P2, K1, P1.

Row 2 K1, P1, K2, P2, (work Row 2 of Cable patt) 4 times, P1, K2, P1, K1.

SIZES XL AND 2XL ONLY

Row 1 (P2, K1) twice, (work Row 1 of Cable patt) 4 times, K2, P2, K1, P2.

Row 2 K2, P1, K2, P2, (work Row 2 of Cable patt) 4 times, (P1, K2) twice.

SIZE 3XL ONLY

Row 1 P3, K1, P2, K1, (work Row 1 of Cable patt) 4 times, K2, P2, K1, P3.

Row 2 K3, P1, K2, P2, (work Row 2 of Cable patt) 4 times, P1, K2, P1, K3.

ALL SIZES

These 2 rows set position of cable patt and start shaping for size M. Incorporate all inc sts into patt where possible throughout shaping. Work 0 (6: 0: 0: 0: 0) further rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next row, then on every foll 10th (8th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row to 71 (77: 85: 93: 97: 101) sts.

ALL SIZES

Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 29 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Dec 1 st as set at each end of next 5 (5: 5: 7: 7: 7) rows, then on 4 foll RS rows. [53 (59: 67: 71: 75: 79) sts]

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

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

[13 (19: 19: 23: 19: 23) sts]

Cast off rem sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing, using 4mm needles, pick up and knit 17 (17: 18: 18: 21: 21) sts down left side of neck, K23 (25: 23: 25: 23: 25) sts from front neck holder, 17 (17: 18: 18: 21: 21) sts up right side of neck and 37 (39: 39: 41: 41: 43) sts from back neck holder.

[94 (98: 98: 102: 106: 110) sts]

Beg with a Row 2, work 7cm in rib as set on Back, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew in Sleeves, matching decreases and easing fabric to fit. ●



STYLECRAFT HEAD OVER HEELS

This sock yarn's new Colours of the World shade collection is a brand new exciting collaboration with Stuart Hillard, who has designed all its wonderful shades. Head Over Heels has been specially developed to be durable enough for socks, but also fine and light enough for knitters and crocheters who like to make shawls. This dual use delivers an interesting set of patterns.

RRP £6.99 **WEIGHT** 4ply
BALL 100g/400m **NEEDLE** 3.25mm
CONTENT 75% superwash wool,
25% nylon **CARE** Machine wash 30°C
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



GORGEOUS ALPACA HAND KNITTING SOCK

Gorgeous Alpaca sock yarn is sourced from British and Irish alpaca farms. It comes with long lasting wearability because there's a small amount of nylon mixed in, and knits up into the one of the softest sock yarns around. Worked on 2.5mm knitting needles creates a fine, luxurious fabric that's perfect for creating wonderfully breathable, yet warm socks and lightweight accessories.

RRP £19 **WEIGHT** 4ply **BALL** 100g/400m
NEEDLE 2.5-3mm **CONTENT** 75% alpaca,
25% nylon **CARE** Machine wash at 20°C
using a wool delicate detergent
www.gorgeouسالpacas.co.uk



KING COLE FOOTSIE 4PLY

Footsie 4ply is a charming variegated acrylic yarn with added PBT to give your knitted fabrics lots of strength and structure, allowing you to create socks that last and last. Footsie colours are named after six delicious fruits using colour variegation to bring superb shades your knits. Ideal for those who are allergic to wool but also want to wear fun and fruity socks!

RRP £4.49 **WEIGHT** 4ply
BALL 100g/430m **NEEDLE** 3.25mm
CONTENT 93% acrylic, 7% PBT
CARE Machine wash 40°C
www.kingcole.com

Socks ahoy!

Small travel knits are perfect for the summer months, so we've brought you the best in sock yarns this issue



WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS COLOURLAB SOCK DK

West Yorkshire spinners have created a versatile yarn that's just perfect for a little colour experimentation. Colour Lab Sock DK is a high wool content yarn providing you with a true, natural warmth. In a gorgeous selection of stunning shades and dazzling colour mixes, Colour Lab Sock is an easy-care wonder yarn for your feet.

RRP £10.95 **WEIGHT** DK
BALL 150g/337m **NEEDLE** 4mm
CONTENT 75% wool, 25% nylon
CARE Machine wash 40°C
www.wyspinners.com



HOBBIJ RAINBOW 4PLY SOCK

Hobbii Rainbow Sock Wool is spun from high-quality wool and polyamide. It's superwash treated, which means you can wash it in your washing machine, making it perfect for hardwearing socks. Get inspired by the many pretty colours in the range and make striped socks or, maybe, add a motif or pattern using Fair Isle or intarsia.

RRP £5.30 **WEIGHT** 4ply
BALL 50g/210m **NEEDLE** 2.5-3mm
CONTENT 75% wool, 25% Polyamide
CARE Machine wash 40°C
www.hobbii.co.uk



RICO DESIGN SUPERBA ALPACA LUXURY SOCK

This brilliant yarn is superwash treated, which means that you can wash it in your washing machine – perfect for hardwearing socks! Get inspired by the many pretty colours in the range and make striped socks, or maybe add a motif or pattern using Fair Isle, Intarsia or Swizz darning.

RRP £15.25 **WEIGHT** 4ply
BALL 100g/310m **NEEDLE** 2.5-3.5mm
CONTENT 62% wool, 23% Polyamide,
15% alpaca **CARE** Machine wash 30°C
www.rico-design.de/en

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1 ball of each
- Yarn A** White (961)
- Yarn B** Sky Marl (591)
- Yarn C** Royal (979)
- Yarn D** Sunflower (978)
- Yarn E** Black (965)
- Yarn F** Silver Mist (678)

Yarn G Signal Red (977)

Yarn H Emerald (916)

- A pair of 2.75mm needles
- Toy filling
- Locking stitch markers
- Bobbins for intarsia colourwork

TENSION

27 sts and 33 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

8cm (3¼in) to 13cm (5¼in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact Sirdar www.sirdar.com

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Little Wool Shop
01495 239416 or www.littlewoolshop.com
- The Knitting Network
01795 570303 or www.theknittingnetwork.co.uk



TRANSPORT PLAYSET

Notes Unless otherwise specified, use the cable cast on for all pieces and use mattress stitch to sew seams. When working colourwork using the intarsia method, use a separate end of yarn for each colour section and cross yarns at colour changes to prevent holes.

AMBULANCE BODY

Wind off a small bobbin of Yarn A before you begin, or locate both ends of the ball.

Cast on 30 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Start at base.

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

Row 3 K1, (kfb, PM, kfb, K10, kfb, PM, kfb) twice, K1. [38 sts]

Row 4 (Purl to marker, slm) 4 times, purl to end.

Row 5 (Knit to 1 st before marker, kfb, sm, kfb) 4 times, knit to end. [8 sts inc'd]

Row 6 Rep Row 4.

Row 7 Rep Row 5, removing markers. [54 sts]

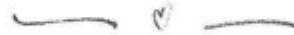
Rows 8 to 17 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, and on Row 17 place locking markers in the 4th and 31st sts.

Work the windows using intarsia method.



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Row 18 P17A, join B and P20B, join second end of A and P17A.

Row 19 K17A, K4B, k2togB, K8B, sskB, K4B, K17A. [52 sts]

Row 20 P17A, P18B, P17A.

Row 21 K17A, K18B, K17A.

Rows 22 and 23 Rep Rows 20 and 21.

Row 24 Rep Row 20.

Row 25 K17A, K3B, k2togB, K8B, sskB, K3B, K17A. [50 sts]

Cont in Yarn A only.

Row 26 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 27 K1, (K2, ssk, k2tog, K12, ssk, k2tog, K2) twice, K1. [42 sts]

Row 29 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K10, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [34 sts]

Row 31 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K8, ssk, k2tog) twice, K1. [26 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

AMBULANCE WHEEL ARCHES (MAKE 4)

Cast on 11 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn A.

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

Cast off.

AMBULANCE WHEELS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 14 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Start at outer edge.

Rows 1 to 3 Knit.

Break Yarn E and join Yarn F.

Row 4 (WS) (P2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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

AMBULANCE TOP LIGHT

Cast on 8 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn C.

Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st

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

FIRE ENGINE BODY

Wind a small bobbin of Yarn G or locate both ends of the ball to start.

Cast on 46 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn G.



Start at base.

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

Row 3 K1, (kfb, PM, kfb, K18, kfb, PM, kfb) twice, K1. [54 sts]

Row 4 (Purl to marker, slm) 4 times, purl to end.

Row 5 (Knit to 1 st before marker, kfb, sm, kfb) 4 times, knit to end.

[8 sts inc'd]

Row 6 Rep Row 4.

Row 7 Rep Row 5, removing markers. [70 sts]

Rows 8 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, and on Row 18 place locking markers in the 26th, 32nd, 39th and 45th sts.

Work the windows using intarsia method.

Row 19 K22G, join B and K26B, join second end of G and K22G.

Row 20 P22G, P26B, P22G.

Rows 21 to 25 Starting on a RS knit row and keeping colours correct, work in st st.

Cont in Yarn G only.

Row 26 and foll WS rows Purl.

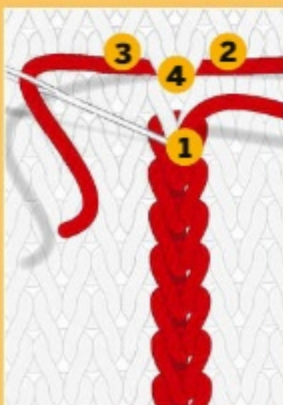
Row 27 (K3, ssk, k2tog, K22, ssk, k2tog, K1) twice, K2. [62 sts]

Row 29 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K20, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [54 sts]

Row 31 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K18, ssk, k2tog) twice, K1. [46 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

STEP-BY-STEP SWISS DARNING



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

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



FIRE ENGINE TOP LIGHT

Work as given for Ambulance Top Light using Yarn D.

FIRE ENGINE WHEELS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 18 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Start at outer edge.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.

Break Yarn E and join Yarn F.

Row 5 (WS) (P2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

FIRE ENGINE WHEEL ARCHES (MAKE 4)

Cast on 14 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn G.

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

Cast off.

FIRE ENGINE SIDE PANEL

Cast on 10 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 9 Knit.

Cast off.

TRACTOR BODY

Cast on 30 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn H. Start at base.

Rows 1 to 7 Work as given for Ambulance Body Rows 1 to 7. [54 sts]

Rows 8 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 K1, (K2, ssk, k2tog, K14, ssk, k2tog, K2) twice, K1. [46 sts]

Row 18 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 19 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K12, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [38 sts]

Row 21 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K10, ssk, K2tog) twice, K1. [30 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

TRACTOR CAB

Cast on 34 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn B.

Start at bottom edge of windows.

Place locking markers in the 5th, 14th, 21st, and 30th sts.

Rows 1 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Row 8 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 9 K3, ssk, (k2tog, K4, ssk) 3 times, k2tog, K3. [26 sts]



Row 11 K2, ssk, (k2tog, K2, ssk) 3 times, k2tog, K2. [18 sts]

Row 13 K1, (ssk, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]

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

TRACTOR FUNNEL

Cast on 5 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 4 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

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

TRACTOR FRONT WHEELS (MAKE 2)

Work as given for Fire Engine Wheels.

TRACTOR REAR WHEELS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 23 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.

Break Yarn E and join Yarn F.

Row 5 (WS) P2, (p2tog, P1) 7 times. [16 sts]

Row 6 (RS) Knit.

Row 7 (P2tog) 8 times. [8 sts]

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

TRACTOR REAR WHEEL ARCHES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 16 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn H.

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

Cast off.

TRACTOR TRAILER

Cast on 48 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn G.

Start at top edge.

Rows 1 to 17 Knit.

Row 18 (RS) (K3, ssk, k2tog, K11, ssk, k2tog, K1) twice, K2. [40 sts]

Row 19 Knit.

Row 20 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K9, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [32 sts]

Row 21 Knit.

Row 22 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K7, ssk, k2tog) twice, K1. [24 sts]

Cast off.

TRACTOR TRAILER WHEELS (MAKE 2)

Work as given for Ambulance Wheels.



TRACTOR TRAILER HAY BALES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 17 sts using 2.75mm needles in Yarn D.

Place locking markers in the 6th and 12th sts.

Rows 1 to 14 Knit.

Row 15 **Cast off** 5 sts, knit to end. [5 sts dec'd]

Row 16 Rep Row 15. [7 sts]

Rows 17 to 48 Knit.

Cast off.

BULLDOZER BODY, CAB, TOP LIGHT AND FUNNEL

Work as given for Tractor Body, Cab and Funnel, using Yarn D for Body, Yarn B and Yarn D for Cab, and Yarn E for Funnel. Work as given for Ambulance Top Light using Yarn G.

BULLDOZER SHOVEL

Cast on 38 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn D.

Start at top edge.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.

Row 5 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K4, k2tog, K10) twice, K1. [34 sts]

Rows 6 to 8 Knit.

Row 9 K1, (k2tog, K2, k2tog, K10) twice, K1. [30 sts]

Rows 10 to 12 Knit.

Row 13 K1, *(k2tog) twice, K10; rep from * once more, K1. [26 sts]

Row 14 Knit.

Cast off.

BULLDOZER SHOVEL FRAME (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn D.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 K7, (k2tog) twice, K7. [16 sts]

Row 3 K1, (K1, lift 2nd st on RH needle over first) 5 times, (k2tog, lift 2nd st on RH needle over first) twice, **cast off** rem sts and fasten off.

BULLDOZER TRACKS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 38 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

Rows 1 to 3 (K1, P1) 19 times.

Row 4 (WS) Purl.

Row 5 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K8, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [30 sts]

Row 6 Purl.



Row 7 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K6, ssk, k2tog) twice, K1. [22 sts]
Cast off purlwise.

BULLDOZER TRACK WHEELS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 14 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn F.

Rows 1 and 2 Knit.

Row 3 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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

LORRY CAB

Cast on 10 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn C.

Start at base.

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

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

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 *K2, (kfb) twice; rep from * 3 more times, K2. [26 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

Row 7 *K3, (kfb) twice, K4, (kfb) twice, K1; rep from * once more, K2. [34 sts]

Rows 8 to 18 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, and on Row 18 place locking markers in 5th, 14th, 21st and 30th sts.

Break Yarn C and join Yarn B.

Row 19 K11, k2tog, K8, ssk, K11. [32 sts]

Rows 20 to 24 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 25 K10, k2tog, K8, ssk, K10. [30 sts]

Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.

Row 26 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 27 K1, (K2, ssk, k2tog, K2, ssk, k2tog, K2) twice, K1. [22 sts]

Row 29 (K2, ssk, k2tog, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [14 sts]

Row 31 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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

LORRY TOP LIGHT, TRAILER, WHEELS AND WHEEL ARCHES

Work as given for Ambulance Top Light using Yarn G, Tractor Trailer using Yarn D, Fire Engine Wheels, and make 2 Fire Engine Wheel Arches using Yarn C.

LORRY BARREL

Cast on 10 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn H.



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

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

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 *K2, (kfb) twice; rep from * 3 more times, K2. [26 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 7 to 22 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Rows 23 and 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2, ssk, k2tog) 4 times, K2. [18 sts]

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 K1, (ssk, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]

Row 28 Purl.

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

TANKER CAB

Work as given for Lorry Truck Cab using Yarn H for bottom of cab/roof.

TANKER WHEELS AND WHEEL ARCHES

Make 2 Fire Engine Wheels (for Front Wheels), make 4 Ambulance Wheels, and make 2 Fire Engine Wheel Arches using Yarn H.

TANKER TRAILER BASE

Cast on 18 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn H.

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

Row 3 (K3, kfb, K1, kfb, K3) twice. [22 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Rows 5 to 30 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Rows 31 and 32 Purl.

Row 33 K3, ssk, K1, k2tog, K6, ssk, K1, k2tog, K3. [18 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

TANKER TANK

Cast on 10 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn A.

Rows 1 and 2 Knit.

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

Row 4 Knit.

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

Row 6 Knit.

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

Row 8 Knit.

Rows 9 to 35 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.



Row 36 Knit.

Row 37 K1, (k2tog, K2) 8 times, K1. [26 sts]

Row 38 Knit.

Row 39 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]

Row 40 Knit.

Row 41 K1, (k2tog) 8 times, K1. [10 sts]

Row 42 Knit.

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

ROAD ROLLER BODY

Cast on 22 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn D.

Start at base.

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

Row 3 K1, (kfb, PM, kfb, K6, kfb, PM, kfb) twice, K1. [30 sts]

Row 4 (Purl to marker, slm) 4 times, purl to end.

Row 5 (Knit to 1 st before marker, kfb, sm, kfb) 4 times, knit to end. [8 sts inc'd]

Row 6 Rep Row 4.

Row 7 Rep Row 5, removing markers. [46 sts]

Rows 8-16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 K1, (K2, ssk, k2tog, K10, ssk, k2tog, K2) twice, K1. [38 sts]

Row 18 and foll WS rows Purl.

Row 19 (K2, ssk, k2tog, K8, ssk, k2tog) twice, K2. [30 sts]

Row 21 K1, (ssk, k2tog, K6, ssk, k2tog) twice, K1. [22 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

ROAD ROLLER CAB, TOP LIGHT, WHEELS, WHEEL ARCHES AND FUNNEL

Work as given for Tractor Cab and Tractor Funnel, using Yarn B and Yarn D for Cab, and Yarn E for Funnel. Work as given for Ambulance Top Light using Yarn H. Make 2 Fire Engine Wheels and 2 Fire Engine Wheel Arches using Yarn D.

ROAD ROLLER FRONT ROLLER

Cast on 10 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn F.

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

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

Row 4 Purl.

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

Row 6 Knit.

Rows 7 to 21 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Rows 22 and 23 Knit.

Row 24 P1, (P1, p2tog) 8 times, P1. [18 sts]

Row 25 Knit.

Row 26 (P2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

ROAD ROLLER FRONT ROLLER FRAME

Cast on 36 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn D.

Rows 1 to 4 Knit.

Cast off.

ROAD ROLLER FRONT ROLLER FRAME CIRCLES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using the long-tail cast-on, 2.75mm needles and Yarn E.

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

FORKLIFT BODY, CAB, WHEELS, WHEEL ARCHES & TOP LIGHT

Work as for Road Roller Body using Yarn C, and Tractor Cab using Yarn B and Yarn E. Make 4 Ambulance Wheels and 4 Ambulance Wheel Arches in Yarn C. Work as for Ambulance Top Light in Yarn D.

FORKLIFT CARRIAGE PLATE

Cast on 12 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn F.

Rows 1 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

FORKLIFT FORK ARMS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn F.

Rows 1 to 10 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

FORKLIFT CARGO

Work as given for Tractor Trailer Hay Bale using Yarn G.

FORKLIFT CARGO STRAP

Cast on 14 sts using 2.75mm needles and Yarn G.

Cast off.

MAKING UP AMBULANCE

Body Fold cast-off edge in half and sew tog (seam runs along top). Then sew side edges tog (seam runs down centre back). Stuff, then sew cast-on edge tog along bottom.

Windows Use Swiss Darning to embroider 2 window struts in Yarn A. (1 on each front corner above marked sts on Row 17); each is a vertical line 8 sts tall. Remove markers.

Decoration On each side, embroider a medical cross using Yarn G and short horizontal stitches.

FIRE ENGINE

Body Make up as for Ambulance.

Windows Use duplicate stitch to embroider window struts in Yarn G; there are 4 struts (2 on each side above marked sts on Row 18); each is a vertical line 7 sts tall. Remove markers.

Decoration Attach Side Panel on right hand side of Body. On the other side, use Yarn F and chain stitch to embroider a spiral for the hose. On Roof use Yarn A and chain stitch to embroider a ladder.

TRACTOR

Body Make up as for Ambulance.

Cab Sew side edges tog, stuff and sew cast-on edge onto top of Body with seamed side at back.

Windows Use duplicate stitch to embroider window struts in Yarn

A; there are 4 struts (1 on each corner above marked sts on cast-on edge); each is a vertical line 7 sts tall. Remove markers.

Trailer Fold cast-off edge in half and sew tog (seam runs along bottom). Then sew side edges tog (seam runs down centre back). Sew back of Trailer onto back of Body.

Hay Bales Sew cast-off edge to cast-on edge between markers and remove them. Fold up sides and sew tog around all open edges to make a brick shape. Adding stuffing before finishing seam. Place Hay Bales in Trailer.

BULLDOZER

Body Make up as for Ambulance.

Cab and Windows Make up as for Tractor and embroider windows in Yarn D.

Shovel Fold cast-off edge in half and sew tog, then sew side edges tog. The Shovel Frame is an L-shape, sew one arm of this L down side of Shovel, and sew end of other arm onto Body just behind Cab.

Tracks Fold cast-off edge in half and sew tog, then sew side edges tog with rib facing outwards. Add stuffing and sew cast-on edge onto side of Body. Sew side edges of each Track Wheel tog to make a circle shape, and sew 2 Wheels on top of each Track.

LORRY

Cab Sew side edges tog (seam runs down back), stuff, and sew cast-on edge tog along bottom.

Windows Embroider struts as for Fire Engine Windows instructions in Yarn A.

Trailer Make up as for Tractor Trailer and sew onto back of Cab.

Barrel Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you sew, and gather cast-on sts tog. Place inside Trailer.

TANKER

Cab and Windows Make up as for Lorry Cab and embroider window struts in Yarn H.

Base Sew side edges tog (seam runs along top). Stuff, and sew cast-on edge tog along back, and cast-off edge tog along front. Sew front onto back of Cab.

Tank Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you sew. Gather cast-on sts tog. Sew seamed side edge onto top of Base. With photo as a guide, embroider horizontal stripes using duplicate stitch using Yarn C and Yarn G along each side.

ROAD ROLLER

Body, Cab and Windows Make up as for Bulldozer.

Front Roller Sew side edges tog, stuffing as you sew, and gather cast-on sts tog.

Front Roller Frame Sew each end onto sides of Body, and place Roller inside Frame and sew on. For each Frame Circle, sew side edges tog to make a circle shape, and attach on top of Frame.

FORKLIFT

Body, Cab and Windows Make up as for Bulldozer and embroider window struts using Yarn E.

Carriage Plate Sew side edges tog (seam runs down centre back), add a little stuffing, and sew cast-off edge tog across top and cast-on edge tog across bottom. Attach back of Plate onto Body.

Fork Arms Sew side edges tog to make a tube, then sew cast-on edge onto front of Carriage Plate.

Cargo Make up as for Hay Bale. For Strap, sew each end onto bottom of Cargo to make a loop which Fork Arms can feed through.

TOP LIGHTS AND FUNNELS

For each, sew side edges tog and sew cast-on edge onto roof of vehicle with seam facing back (this piece is not stuffed). Make up each Funnel in the same way and attach to top of vehicle Body.

WHEELS AND WHEEL ARCHES

For each wheeled vehicle, sew Wheel's side edges tog to make a circular shape. Add a little stuffing or yarn scraps under each Wheel to pad it out, and sew cast-on edge of Wheel onto side of vehicle, catching a stitch on Wheel to a stitch on side of vehicle all the way around. For each Wheel Arch, weave in cast-off tail, and use cast-on tail to sew cast-on edge of Arch onto Body of vehicle above Wheel, catching a leg of a stitch on cast-on edge to a leg of a stitch on vehicle. 🧶



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YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Design Essentials Sprinkly Stripey 4 ply (75% wool, 25% polyamide, 100g/400m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- A pair of 3mm needles
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Split ring stitch markers

TENSION

25 sts and 38 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

Dec 1 st (decrease 1 st) Worked on a RS row, work K2, ssk at the beg of a row and a k2tog, K2 at the end of a row, and on a WS row, work P2, p2tog at the beg of a row, and a p2tog tbl, P2 at the end of a row

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

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- Black Sheep Wools
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46.5 (51: 56: 61.5: 66.5)cm
18½ (20: 22: 24¼: 26¼)in

59 (61: 65: 70)cm
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TANK TOP PATTERN STITCHES

MOSS STITCH

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

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

STOCKING STITCH (ST ST)

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

BACK

****Cast on** 116 (128: 140: 154: 166) sts using 3mm needles.

Work in moss stitch pattern across all sts from Row 1 for 2cm, ending with a WS row.

Change to 3.25mm needles and work as follows:

Next row (RS) (K1, P1) five times, K to last 10 sts, (K1, P1) five times.

Next row (P1, K1) five times, P to last 10 sts, (P1, K1) five times. Rep these 2 rows until work measures 10cm, ending with a WS row.

Work the following inc row, placing split ring markers at the start and end of this row:

Next row (RS) PM, kfb, K to last st, kfb, PM.

[118 (130: 142: 156: 168) sts]

Next row Purl.

Cont in st st from Row 1 across all sts until work measures 38 (38: 40: 42: 43)cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

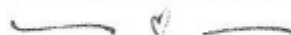
SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cont in st st as set and **cast off** 6 (7: 8: 9: 10) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. [106 (116: 126: 138: 148) sts]

Dec 1 st at both ends of the next and every RS row until 92 (98: 106:

Tank tops continue to stay on top trend wise with round- and V-necks packing the shops. They make the perfect throw-on when the British summer doesn't play ball.

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR



112: 120) sts remain.**

Cont straight in st st as set until work measures 57 (59: 63: 66: 68) cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 8) sts at the beg of the next 4 (8: 2: 6: 8) rows. [72 (50: 94: 70: 56) sts]

Cast off 6 (0: 7: 8: 0) sts at the beg of the next 4 (0: 6: 2: 0) rows. Put the rem 48 (50: 52: 54: 56) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work ** to ** as for the Back.

Cont in pattern until work measures 50 (52: 55: 58: 60)cm, ending with a WS row and measured from the cast-on edge.

SHAPE LEFT NECK

Next row (RS) K30 (32: 35: 38: 41), turn and put the rem sts on a stitch holder or spare needle.

Dec 1 st at the neck edge on the next row (a WS row), and every row a total of 4 rows. [26 (28: 31: 34: 37) sts]

Work one row straight then dec 1 st at the neck edge on the next row (a RS row), and every RS row until 22 (24: 27: 29: 32) sts remain.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL
TO FIT BUST	cm	81-86	91-97	101-107	111-117	122-127
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	93	102	112	123	133
	in	36¾	40	44	48½	52½
LENGTH	cm	59	61	65	68	70
	in	23¾	24	25½	26¾	27½
YARN	Rico Design Essentials Sprinkly Stripey 4ply (100g/400m)					
7		2	3	3	3	3

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



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

SHAPE LEFT SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 8) sts at the beg of the next 2 (4: 1: 3: 4) RS rows. [12 (0: 21: 8: 0) sts]

Cast off 6 (0: 7: 8: 0) sts at the beg of the next 2 (0: 3: 1: 0) RS rows.

SHAPE RIGHT NECK

With RS facing, leave the central 32 (34: 36: 36: 38) on the stitch holder and patt to end. [30 (32: 35: 38: 41) sts]

Dec 1 st at the neck edge on the next row (a WS row), and every row a total of 4 rows. [26 (28: 31: 34: 37) sts]

Work one row straight then dec 1 st at the neck edge on the next row (a RS row), and every RS row until 22 (24: 27: 29: 32) sts remain.

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

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 8) sts at the beg of the next 2 (4: 1: 3: 4) WS rows. [12 (0: 21: 8: 0) sts]

Cast off 6 (0: 7: 8: 0) sts at the beg of the next 2 (0: 3: 1: 0) WS rows.

MAKING UP

NECKBAND

Sew left shoulder seam.

With RS facing, 3.25mm needles, and starting at the back, knit the 48 (50: 52: 54: 56) sts from the Back stitch holder, and pick up and knit 23 (23: 24: 25: 25) sts across the left curve, knit the 32 (34: 36: 36: 38) sts from the Front holder, and pick up and knit 23 (23: 24: 25: 25) sts across the right curve. [126 (130: 136: 140: 144) sts]

Starting with Row 2, work in moss stitch across all sts for 2cm, ending with a WS row.

Cast off in moss stitch pattern.

Sew right shoulder seam and neckband.

SLEEVE EDGINGS

With RS facing and 3mm needles, pick up and knit 90 (100: 110: 114: 120) sts across the armhole.

Starting with Row 2, work in moss stitch across all sts for 2cm, ending with a WS row.

Cast off in moss stitch pattern.

Repeat for the other Sleeve edging.

FINISHING

Sew side seams to the markers leaving the bottom hemline unseamed. Weave in ends. 🧵

STEP-BY-STEP PICK UP AND KNIT



1 Holding the piece of knitting you are going to pick the sts up from in your left hand, and starting at the top-right corner, insert the right-hand needle between the first two stitches of the row.



2 Wind your yarn around the needle and 'knit' the first stitch...



3 ...And pull the new stitch through between the two stitches.



4 Continue to work like this along the row or until you have picked up the necessary amount of stitches. Try to space your stitches evenly.



COLOUR LOVE

Add all the colours of the rainbow to this simple headband design, perfect for Pride Week! By **Kirstie McLeod**





EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- 4ply yarn from your stash
- Yarn A** Red
- Yarn B** Orange
- Yarn C** Yellow
- Yarn D** Green
- Yarn E** Blue
- Yarn F** Purple
- A pair of 2.5mm needles
- Headband, 1cm wide

TENSION

35 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Main Pattern using 2.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

MB (make bobble) (K1, yo, K1) into the same stitch, turn, (P the 3 sts, turn, K the 3 sts, turn) twice, P the 3 sts, turn, sl 2, K1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over

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RAINBOW HEADBAND

Cast on 11 sts using 2.5mm needles and Yarn A. Starting with a purl row, st st 3 rows.

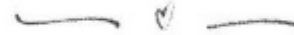
- *Row 1 (RS)** Knit.
- Row 2 (WS)** Purl.
- Row 3** K5, MB, K5.
- Row 4** Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 to 4 in Yarn B.
Repeat Rows 1 to 4 in Yarn C.
Repeat Rows 1 to 4 in Yarn D.
Repeat Rows 1 to 4 in Yarn E.
Repeat Rows 1 to 4 in Yarn F.**

Rep from * to ** another 4 times or for 1cm less than desired length to fit your headband.

"Don't have enough 4ply yarns in rainbow shades? You can always make a simpler stripy or plain hairband and the bobbles are really easy to knit – practice makes perfect!"

JEN BARTLETT, TECHNICAL EDITOR



In Yarn F (or yarn last used) continue in st st for 3 rows.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Wrap the knitting round the headband and sew into place. ●



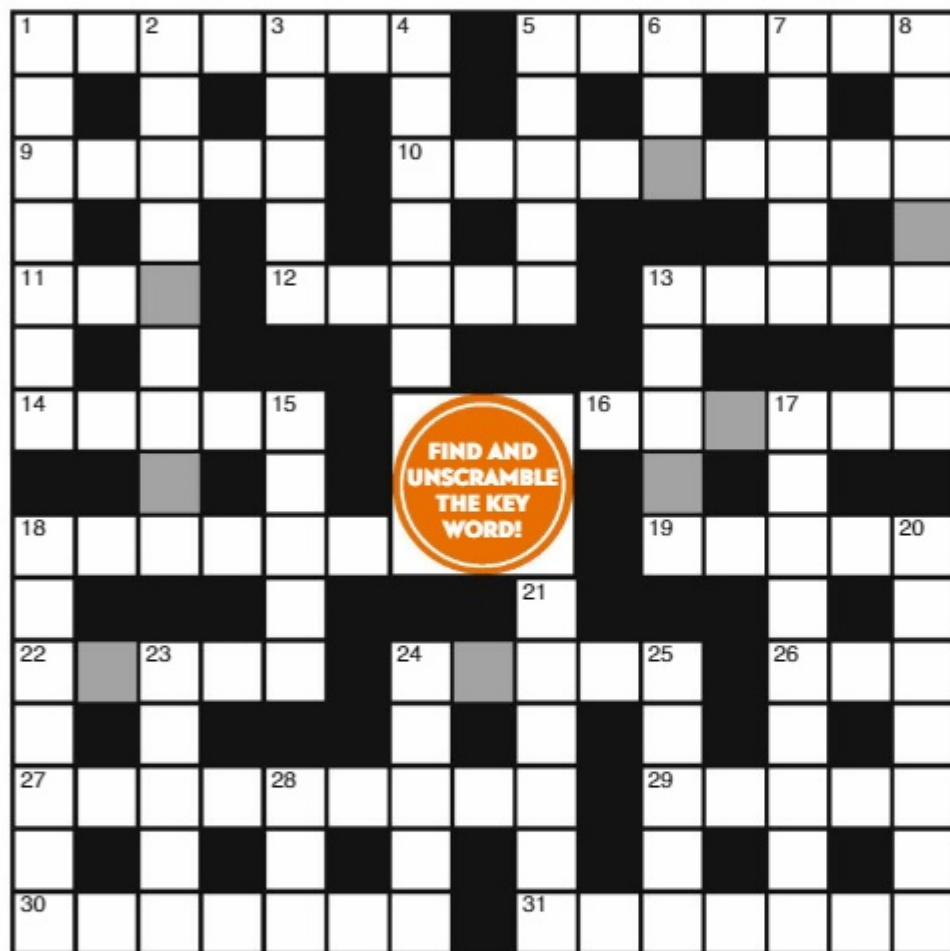


TAKE A BREAK

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



CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD



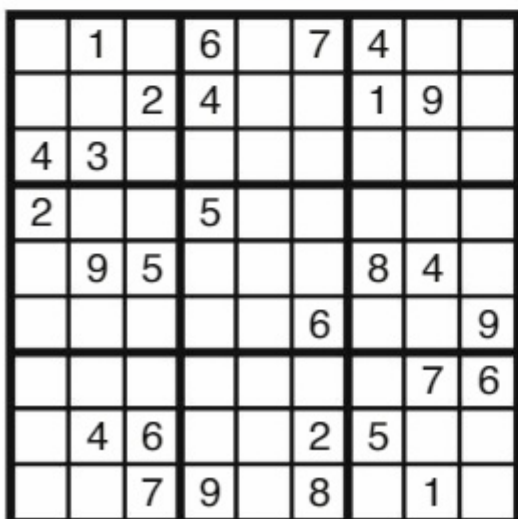
ACROSS

- 1 Plants with unusually shaped, beautifully-coloured flowers (7)
- 5 Ancient Egyptian royal tomb (7)
- 9 Register (5)
- 10 Fruit, popular as a muffin filling (9)
- 11 Beer (3)
- 12 Hue (5)
- 13 Form of musical theatre (5)
- 14 School subject (5)
- 16 Collection of stitches on Aran-style jumpers (6)
- 18 Colourful bird (6)
- 19 Ancient artefact (5)
- 22 Flavoursome (5)
- 24 Liz ---, former Prime Minister (5)
- 26 Exercise venue (3)
- 27 Delicate white Alpine flower (9)
- 29 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 30 --- History Museum, London attraction (7)
- 31 Disease (7)

DOWN

- 1 Bowling technique (7)
- 2 Joiner (9)
- 3 --- of Scilly, archipelago off the Cornish coast (5)
- 4 Pedestrian tunnel (6)
- 5 Trim (a bush, plant or tree) (5)
- 6 Method of knitting creating raised lines (3)
- 7 Join forces (5)
- 8 Place that looks after children whilst parents work (7)
- 13 Unpleasant smell (5)
- 15 Tale (5)
- 17 Spaghetti ---, popular Italian dish (9)
- 18 Set of knitting instructions (7)
- 20 Navigational tool (7)
- 21 Breakfast dish of cereal, oats, dried fruit and nuts (6)
- 23 Icy rain (5)
- 24 Court case (5)
- 25 Bobbin (5)
- 28 Conflict (3)

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ISSUE 251 CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

BUILDING BLOCKS

Boost structured colour blocks with a deep textured stitch that's perfect for playtimes. By **Lisa Richardson for Rowan**

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino (4ply, 57% wool, 33% acrylic, 10% cashmere, 50g/130m)
For yarn quantities and measurements see size table

- A pair of 3mm needles
- A pair of 3.25mm needles
- 3 x 15mm buttons
(TGB3020 from Textile Garden www.textilegarden.com)
- Stitch holders

TENSION

27 sts and 40 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using 3.25mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Wool Warehouse**
0800 505 3300 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
- Ewe Wool Shop**
01780 763838 or www.i-love-ewe.com



KIDS' JUMPER BACK

Cast on 70 (74: 74: 78: 82: 82: 86) sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

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

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

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 8 rows, inc (dec: inc: inc: dec: inc: inc) 1 st at end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[71 (73: 75: 79: 81: 83: 87) sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Next row (RS) Purl.

Next row Knit.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Now work in patt as folls:

Rows 1 and 2 Knit.

Row 3 (RS) P1, *K1, P1, rep from * to end.

Row 4 K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

These 4 rows form patt.

Cont in patt until back meas approx 13 (14: 15: 16: 17: 18: 19)cm, ending after patt Row 4 and with RS facing for next row.

Break off Yarn B.**

Using the intarsia technique and keeping patt correct, join in Yarns C and D and cont as folls:

Next row (RS) Using Yarn C K35 (37: 37: 39: 41: 41: 43), using Yarn D K36 (36: 38: 40: 40: 42: 44).

Next row Using Yarn D K36 (36: 38: 40: 40: 42: 44), using Yarn C K35 (37: 37: 39: 41: 41: 43).

These 2 rows set the colour placements for rest of Back.

Keeping patt correct, cont as folls:

Cont straight until Back meas 22.5 (24.5: 26.5: 28.5: 30.5: 32.5: 34.5)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE BACK NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 27 (27: 28: 29: 30: 31: 31) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

FIND YOUR SIZE

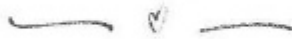
SIZE		0-3m	3-6m	6-9m	9-12m	12-18m	2yrs	3yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	50	52	54	56	58	60	62
	in	19½	20½	21½	22	23	23½	24½
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	52.5	54	55.5	58.5	60	61.5	64.5
	in	20¾	21¼	21¾	23	23½	24¼	25½
LENGTH	cm	24	26	28	30	32	34	36
	in	9½	10¼	11	11¾	12½	13½	14¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	12.5	14.5	16.5	18.5	20.5	23	25.5
	in	5	5¾	6½	7¼	8	9	10
YARN		Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino (4ply, 50g/130m)						
Yarn A Nutkin (121)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn B Puddle (126)		2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Yarn C Sea Green (108)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Duckling (124)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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



"With dropped sleeves and an easy shoulder opening, this little sweater is so comfortable to get on and off. Rowan baby yarns are so soft and washable, it's hardwearing too!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR



Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows. [23 (23: 24: 25: 26: 27: 27) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off in patt.

With RS facing, slip centre 17 (19: 19: 21: 21: 21: 25) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin appropriate yarn and patt to end.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows. [23 (23: 24: 25: 26: 27: 27) sts]

Work 1 row, inc 1 (1: 0: 3: 2: 1: 1) sts evenly across and ending with RS facing for next row. [24 (24: 24: 28: 28: 28: 28) sts]

Place markers at both ends of last row (to denote shoulder line).

SHAPE SHOULDER BUTTON BORDER

Break off Yarn D and join in Yarn A.

Change to 3mm needles.

Next row (RS) K3, *P2, K2, rep from * to last st, K1.

Next row K1, P2, *K2, P2, rep from * to last st, K1.

These 2 rows form rib.

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

Cast off in rib.

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

Using the intarsia technique and keeping patt correct, join in Yarns C and D and cont as follows:

Next row (RS) Using Yarn D K36 (36: 38: 40: 40: 42: 44), using Yarn

C K35 (37: 37: 39: 41: 41: 43).

Next row Using Yarn C K35 (37: 37: 39: 41: 41: 43), using Yarn D K36 (36: 38: 40: 40: 42: 44).

These 2 rows set the colour placements for rest of Front.

Keeping patt correct, cont as follows:

Cont straight until 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 26: 26) rows less have been worked than on Back to shoulder, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) Patt 30 (30: 31: 33: 34: 36: 36) sts and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.

Work each side of neck separately.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3) alt rows, then on 2 foll 4th rows. [23 (23: 24: 25: 26: 27: 27) sts]

Work 1 row, inc 1 (1: 0: 3: 2: 1: 1) sts evenly across and ending with RS facing for next row. [24 (24: 24: 28: 28: 28: 28) sts]

SHAPE SHOULDER BUTTONHOLE BORDER

Break off Yarn D and join in Yarn A.

Change to 3mm needles.

Now work in rib as given for Back shoulder button border and cont as follows:

Work 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 3 (RS) Rib 11 (11: 11: 15: 15: 15: 15), yrn, p2tog (to make first buttonhole), rib 6, yrn, p2tog (to make second buttonhole), rib 3.

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

Cast off in rib.

With RS facing, slip centre 11 (13: 13: 13: 13: 11: 15) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin appropriate yarn and patt to end.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll 1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 3: 3) alt rows, then on 2 foll 4th rows. [23 (23: 24: 25: 26: 27: 27) sts]

Work 1 row, inc 1 (1: 0: 3: 2: 1: 1) sts evenly across and ending with RS facing for next row. [24 (24: 24: 28: 28: 28: 28) sts]

SHAPE MOCK RIGHT SHOULDER BORDER

Break off Yarn C and join in Yarn A.

Change to 3mm needles.

Now work in rib as given for back shoulder button border for 6 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib.

SLEEVES

Cast on 34 (34: 34: 38: 38: 42: 42) sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Work in rib as given for Back for 10 rows, dec (**inc: inc: dec: dec: dec: dec**) 1 st at end of last row and ending with RS facing for next row.

[33 (35: 35: 37: 37: 41: 41) sts]

Change to 3.25mm needles.

Next row (RS) Purl.

Next row Knit.

Break off Yarn A and join in Yarn B.

Now work in patt as given for back and cont as folls:

Inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and every foll 4th (4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 6th: 6th) row to 41 (49: 55: 65: 69: 55: 61) sts, then on every foll alt (alt: alt: alt: alt: 4th: 4th) row until there are 59 (63: 65: 67: 71: 73: 75) sts, taking inc sts into patt.

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. (Sleeve should meas approx 12.5 (14.5: 16.5: 18.5: 20.5: 23: 25.5)cm.)

Cast off.

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band. Join right shoulder seam using mattress stitch, or backstitch if preferred. Matching cast-off edge of front to shoulder line of Back, lay left front buttonhole border over back button border and neatly sew together at armhole edge. Leaving 5–6cm open at neck edge, neatly sew cast-off edge of Back button border in place on inside.

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 3mm needles and Yarn A, beg and ending at cast-off edges of left shoulder borders, pick up and knit 16 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20: 20) sts down left side of front neck, K across 11 (13: 13: 13: 13: 11: 15) sts on front holder inc 0 (0: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0) st at centre, pick up and knit 16 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20: 20) sts up right side of front neck, and 5 sts down right side of back neck, K across 17 (19: 19: 21: 21: 21: 25) sts on back holder inc 0 (0: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0) st at centre, pick up and knit 5 sts up left side of back neck to shoulder line marker, and 6 sts up row-end edge of back shoulder border to cast-off edge. [76 (80: 80: 88: 88: 88: 96) sts]

Beg with a WS row, now work in rib as given for Back shoulder border as folls:

Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Row 4 (RS) K3, yrn, p2tog (to make 3rd buttonhole), rib to end. Work in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.

Cast off in rib (on WS).

Mark points along side seam edges 11.5 (12: 12.5: 13: 13.5: 14: 14.5) cm either side of shoulder seams (to denote base of armhole openings). Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Sew top of Sleeve to body, using markers as a guide. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew buttons to match placement of buttonholes. ●



STEP-BY-STEP P2TOG PURL TWO TOGETHER



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



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



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



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

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Day 13 – Machu Picchu

Day 14 – Chocolate-Making Workshop and flight to Lima

Day 15 – Return home

Workshop

Having had a long standing interest in Peruvian textiles since my Art School days, I'm delighted to put my knowledge into practice and design an Andean inspired project for this wonderful and exciting trip. My project takes inspiration from the traditional woven textiles to create either a knitted or crochet project bag. Looking at the colours, pattern and motifs from the natural environment, we will be using our stitches to tell a story. The design will dip into Andean folklore and feature motifs inspired by flowers, rivers, the sun and the stars.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

PROVISIONAL CAST ON

Q I've seen a project that requires a provisional cast on. I don't own a crochet hook, and my brain wants to ignore it. Can suggest an alternative?

f Melody T

I absolutely can! Hazel Tindall – a renowned Shetland knitter – has a method that involves knitting a few rows using waste yarn, then knitting a row in a strong, smooth cotton yarn, like you would for an afterthought heel or pocket. This thread is pulled out later to reveal the 'live' stitches. Note, you'll be picking up one less stitch than originally cast on, because you'll be picking up the bumps in the space between the stitches, so remember to factor this in when casting on with waste yarn.

1 Using waste yarn, cast on one more stitch than the total number you require for your project, then knit a few rows.

2 Knit 1 row in a smooth cotton yarn.

3 Change to your project yarn, and work following your pattern instructions.

4 Your finished work will contain a row worked in the cotton yarn.

5 The back of the work will have a row of bumps in your project yarn, sandwiched between the cotton stitches – you will be picking these up next.

6 & 7 Hold your work with the waste yarn section at the top, and the project yarn section at the bottom. Using your knitting needle, pick up the first line of bumps in

your project yarn, going from top to bottom through each bump. It can be helpful to use a thin knitting needle for this stage, and change to your project needles when you come to work on the live stitches.

8 Once all the stitches are on your needles, pull firmly on the cotton thread to remove it. The waste yarn section will fall away, and your live stitches will be on your needles ready to be knitted.

Rachael



THRUMMED MITTENS

Q Someone told me about thrummed mittens the other day and now I can't stop thinking about them. Can you give me some pointers?

f Sara Andrews

Thrumming is great! It creates a gloriously warm, padded fabric, perfect for cold, wet winter days. The best material to use is unspun woollen fibre – roving or combed top – that hasn't been through a superwash treatment. Over time, you want the fibres to felt together, and superwash wool won't do that. It's also best to use a fairly chunky yarn to knit with, so that the thrummed stitches blend nicely with the yarn as you knit. If the yarn is too narrow, the thrums will seem excessively bulky. We have a great tutorial on thrumming on our website gathered.how that also has some lovely pattern suggestions: www.gathered.how/knitting-and-crochet/knitting/knitting-with-thrums.

Sophie



Use a thick yarn to combine with your thrums so that the finished fabric looks balanced



TIGHT FIT

Q My cast-on stitches are always really tight, which makes knitting the first row of my project frustrating and difficult. I wish I knew what to do about it! What do you suggest?

f Saskia Filali

As a tight knitter myself, I can sympathise. I find this especially tricky with the longtail cast on and the knitted cast on, so I tend to avoid those where I can! I use the German stretchy cast-on in place of the longtail cast on, which really helps, but my go-to is

the cable cast-on. This works because as you cast on, you have to relax the stitches in order for the needle to go in between them. Even if you pull them tight out of habit when you finish the stitch, you need to loosen them up to cast on the next one. The cable cast-on is super easy! Another alternative is to cast on your stitches to two needles held together, and then to take one of the needles away. This will create larger stitches, but definitely helps with the tension of your cast on!

Jennifer

A cable cast on picks up additional stitches between the ones already created



Getting tension correct is one of the toughest lessons a beginner knitter learns



GUEST EXPERT

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SIMPLE CROCHET EDGINGS FOR KNITTED PROJECTS

We know you're all here for the joy knitting brings to your day, but occasionally designers use a little crochet to complete their knits. This could be as a strap, button loop, or as an edging. Here are two very pretty edgings knitters can use to add a little exciting detail to their projects.

Shell edging

Worked over a multiple of 8 sts + 1.

Row 1 Work 1 dc, *skip 3 sts, work 7 tr all into next st, skip 3 sts, 1 dc; rep from * to end. Fasten off.

Adjust the number of sts skipped in between and the number of dcs at the beginning and end to suit your project.



Picot edging

Worked over any number of sts.

Row 1 *Work 1, 2 or 3 dc, ch2, 3 or 4, join with a ss into first ch (through both 'legs'); rep from * to end.

Experiment with working more or fewer dcs and ch sts to create different-sized bumps along the picot edge.





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HAPPY FEET

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YOU WILL NEED

- For Duckling feet**
King Cole Big Value Baby DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
1 ball of **Yarn A** Primrose (003)
King Cole, Moments DK (100% polyester, 50g/90m)
1 ball of **Yarn B** Mustard (3513)
- For Frog feet**
King Cole Big Value Baby DK (100% acrylic, 100g/290m)
1 ball of **Yarn C** Aqua (3201)

- A pair of 4mm needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Stitch marker

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

To fit 0 to 3 months
Actual foot circumference 15.5cm (6in)
Length from cuff to the bottom of the heel 8cm (3in)
Length from heel to toe 9cm (3.5in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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**BABY BOOTEES
DUCK OR FROG BOOTEES (MAKE 2)**

Cast on 60 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A for the Duck Feet or Yarn C for the Frog Feet.

WEBBED TOES

- Row 1 (RS)** *Skpo, K11, k2tog; rep from * to end. [52 sts]
- Row 2 (WS)** P2tog, P9, *(p2tog) twice, P9; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog. [44 sts]
- Row 3** Knit.
- Row 4** Purl.
- Row 5** *Skpo, K7, k2tog; rep from * to end. [36 sts]
- Row 6** Purl.
- Row 7** Knit.
- Row 8** P2tog, P5, *(p2tog) twice, P5; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2tog. [28 sts]
- Row 9** Knit.
- Row 10** Purl.
- Row 11** *Skpo, K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. [20 sts]
- Row 12** Purl.



- Row 13** Knit.
- Row 14** Pfb, P8, (pfb) twice, P8, pfb. [24 sts]
- Row 15** K12 and slide these stitches onto a stitch holder, K12. Put a stitch marker in the last stitch. [12 sts]

HEEL

- Set-up row** Purl.
- Row 1** Knit
- Row 2** Purl
Rep last 2 rows another time.
- Row 3** Skpo, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
- Row 4** Purl.
Rep last 2 rows another 2 times. [6 sts]
- Row 5** Knit across the 6 sts on the needle but don't turn the work, pick up and knit 8 sts down to the marker. [14 sts]
- Row 6** Purl across the 14 sts on the needle but don't turn the work, pick up and purl 8 sts down to the stitch holder. [22 sts]
- Row 7** Knit.
- Row 8** Purl across the 22 sts on the needle but don't turn the work. Slide the stitches on the stitch holder on to the left-hand needle, then Purl across the 12 sts on the stitch holder. [34 sts]

LEG

- Row 1** Knit
- Row 2** Purl
Rep last 2 rows another time.
- Row 3** *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
Rep last row another 9 times.

(For duck feet only, break Yarn A and join Yarn B.)

- Row 1** Knit.
Rep last row another 7 times.
- Cast off** loosely.

MAKING UP

With wrong sides together and using mattress stitch, sew the row-end edges together, taking care to line up the garter stitch cuff at the top. Weave in ends and block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. ●

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- 1 ball each of
- Yarn B Baby Blue (1034)
- Yarn C Mellow (1420)
- A pair of 5mm needles
- 5 buttons, 20mm diameter
- Bugle beads
- Tapestry needle
- Needle and thread
- Pillow insert, 40x40cm

TENSION

15 sts and 21 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

40x40cm (15½x15½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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SHOP LOCAL!**
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KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

DOUGHNUT CUSHION BACK

Cast on 60 sts using Yarn A.

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

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

Rep these two rows until 5 rows have been worked.

Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st to 30cm, ending on a RS row.

Next row (WS) K to mark turn.

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



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



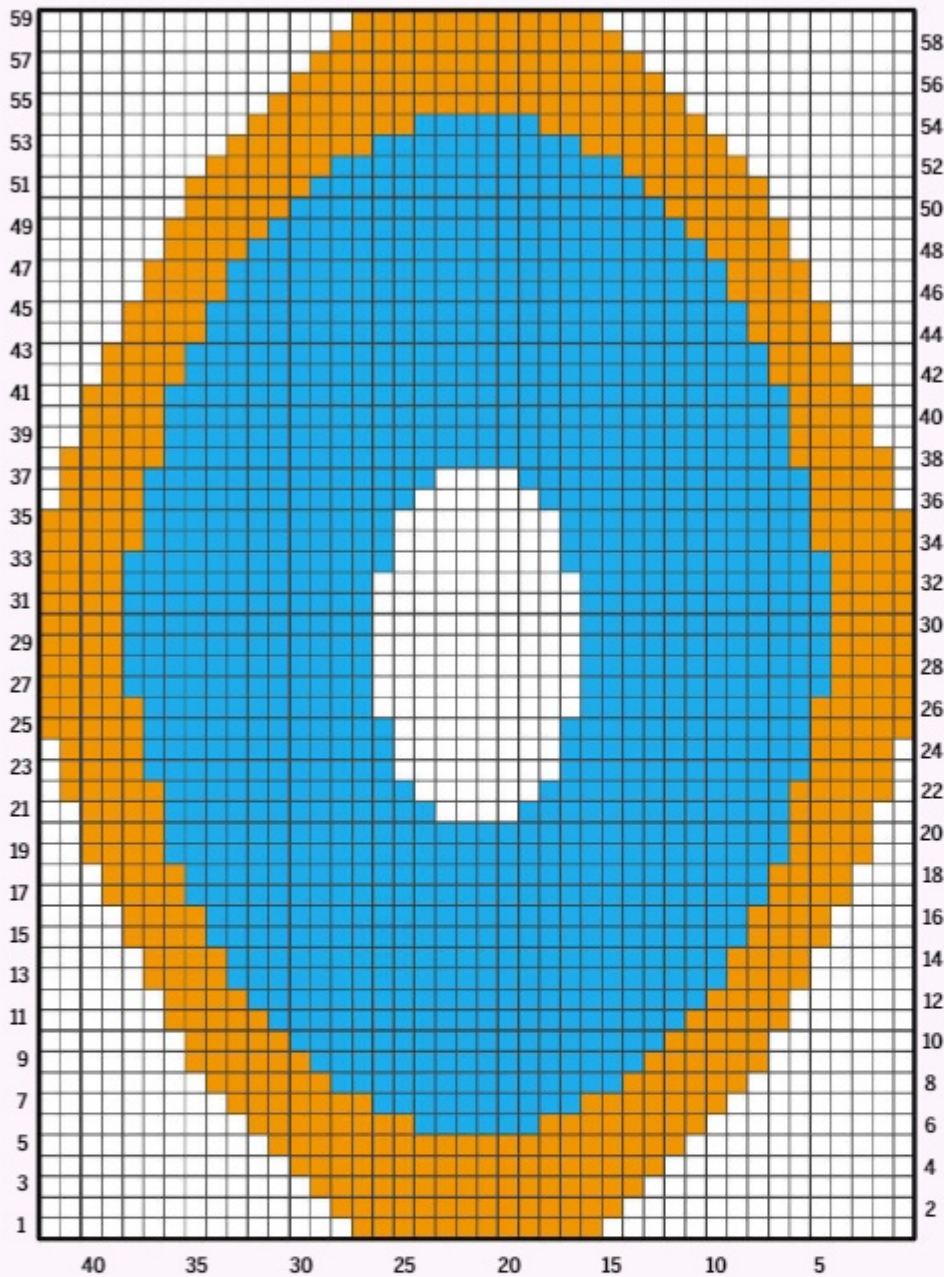
2 Wind the yarn round the tip of the right-hand needle and pull the yarn through the two stitches, knitting them both together.



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



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

CHART**HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS**

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

KEY

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

**FRONT**

Using Yarn A, work in st st starting with a RS knit row for 13 rows, ending on a RS row.

Start motif (colorwork is worked using the intarsia technique).

Row 1 (WS) P9 Yarn A, P42 sts Row 1 Chart, P9 Yarn A.

Row 2 (RS) K9 Yarn A, K42 sts Row 2 Chart, K9 Yarn A.

These two rows set the position for the Chart.

Continue until 59 Chart rows have been worked.

With Yarn A only, work 12 rows in st st, starting with a RS knit row.

Next row (RS) Purl to mark turn.

BACK

Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st for 10cm. Fold cover at turn, mark and check that sts on the needle sit just above the cast-on edge. Adjust number of st st rows if needed.

OVERLAP BUTTONHOLE BAND

Row 1 (K1,P1) to end.

Row 2 (P1, K1) to end.

Rows 1 and 2 make up moss st pattern.

Row 3 (Buttonholes) Starting with K1, moss st 5, (k2tog, yon, moss st 10) 4 times, k2tog, yon, moss st 5.

Row 4 As Row 2.


Row 5 As Row 1.

Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew in the ends. Block and press the edges.

Sew beads onto the icing part of the motif using needle and thread.

Sew the side seams, making sure buttonhole band overlaps cast-on edge. Sew on the buttons. 

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



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



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

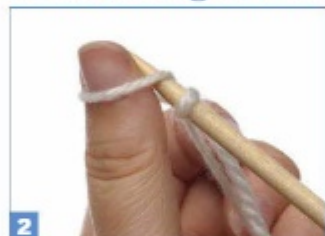


3 Pull the loop out with the right-hand needle, then slip it over the tip of the left-hand needle. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have the number of stitches you require.

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



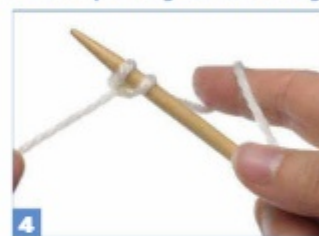
1 Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



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

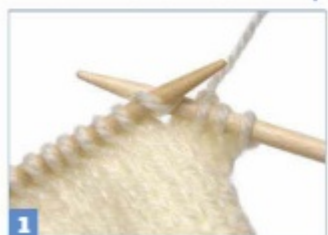


3 Push the needle tip along the outside of your thumb so it passes through the loop. Wrap the working yarn as if to knit.

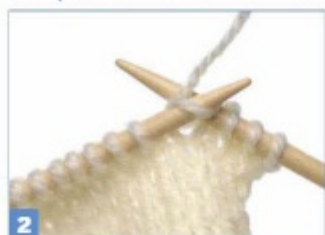


4 Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

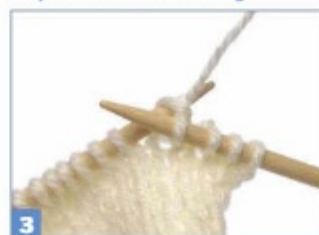
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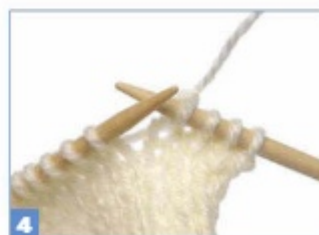
1 Hold the needle with the stitches on it in your left hand. Keeping the yarn in your right hand and at the back of your work, insert the point of the right-hand needle up into the front loop of the first stitch, as shown.



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
C4B slip next 2 stitches to cn and hold at back, K2; K2 from cn
C4F slip next 2 stitches to cn and hold at front, K2; K2 from cn
cb cable back
CC contrast colour
cf cable forward
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double pointed needles
fol/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
LT left twist
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches

M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop
M1P make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
MB make a bobble
MC main colour
mrk marker
P/p purl
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
pssso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop (purlwise) by purling the stitch
pwise remain/remaining
rem repeat(s)
rep(s) reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
RS right side

RT right twist
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
T2B slip next stitch to cn and hold at back, K1; P1 from cn
T2F slip next stitch to cn and hold at front, P1; K1 from cn together
tog together
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

NEEDLE SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	0
13	2.25mm	1
–	2.5mm	–
12	2.75mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	3
–	3.5mm	4
9	3.75mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	8
5	5.5mm	9
4	6mm	10
3	6.5mm	10½
2	7mm	–
1	7.5mm	–
0	8mm	11
00	9mm	13
000	10mm	15
–	12mm	17
–	15mm	19
–	20mm	36
–	25mm	50

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Perfect as a gift, this one-ball coat hanger cover is a real sweetheart to knit with its simple textured lace pattern. By **Becca Parker**



* COAT HANGER COVER



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- World of Wool Woolaby (80% superwash Merino, 20% bamboo, 50g/90m), 1 ball of Yarn A Piglet (WBY12)
- A pair of 4mm needles

TENSION

20 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit a wire coat hanger that measures 37cm (14½ in) wide and 21cm (8¼ in) for each shoulder

Actual width of cover 36cm (14 in)

Depth of cover 14cm (5½ in)

ABBREVIATIONS

K3tog Knit the next 3 stitches together [2 sts dec'd]

For a full list see page 77



COAT HANGER COVER

Notes The coat hanger cover is worked flat from the top down in two pieces that are then seamed at the sides. The top and bottom are left open so the cover can slip over a hanger. There is ribbing at the top and bottom, and a lace heart in the centre of each piece.

COAT HANGER COVER (MAKE 2)

Cast on 13 sts using 4mm needles.

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

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

Row 3 K1, M1R, knit to last st, M1L, K1. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 4 P1, M1R, purl to last st, M1L, P1. [2 sts inc'd]

Rep last 2 rows another 4 times. [33 sts]

LACE HEART

Row 1 K1, M1R, K11, yo, k3tog, yo, K3, yo, k3tog, yo, K11, M1L, K1. [35 sts]

Row 2 and all WS rows P1, M1R, purl to last st, M1L, P1. [2 sts inc'd]

Row 3 K1, M1R, K12, yo, ssk, K1, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K1, k2tog, yo, K12, M1L, K1. [39 sts]

Row 5 K1, M1R, K13, yo, ssk, k4, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, K13, M1L, K1. [43 sts]

Row 7 K1, M1R, K14, k2tog, yo, K11, yo, ssk, K14, M1L, K1. [47 sts]

Row 9 K1, M1R, K17, k2tog, yo, k9, yo, ssk, K17, M1L, K1. [51 sts]

Row 11 K1, M1R, K20, k2tog, yo, k7, yo, ssk, K20, M1L, K1. [55 sts]

Row 13 K1, M1R, K23, k2tog, yo, k5, yo, ssk, K23, M1L, K1. [59 sts]

Row 15 K1, M1R, K26, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, K26, M1L, K1. [63 sts]

STEP-BY-STEP K3TOG KNIT THREE STITCHES TOGETHER



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



2 Wind the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle as if to knit.



3 Pull the yarn through all three stitches, again just as you would if working a knit stitch, and drop the three stitches off the needle.



4 Knitting three stitches together decreases your stitch count by two, and the decrease stitch leans to the right. This is how a series of k3tog decreases will look.

WHERE TO BUY

- For yarn stockists contact World of Wool on 0330 0564888 or www.worldofwool.co.uk

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- Spinductor Yarns 07501 095729 or www.spinductoryarns.com
- Lucy Locket Land www.lucylocketland.co.uk

Row 17 K1, M1R, K29, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K29, M1L, K1. [67 sts]

Row 19 K1, M1R, K33, yo, ssk, K32, M1L, K1. [71 sts]

Row 20 P1, M1R, P69, M1L, P1. [73 sts]

BOTTOM OF COAT HANGER

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Rep last 2 rows another 3 times.

Row 3 *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

Row 4 *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, P1.

Cast off in 1x1 rib pattern.

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail for seaming.

MAKING UP

Stack the two pieces with RS facing together. Using the long yarn tails and a tapestry needle, seam one 'shoulder' together and then the other with mattress stitch. Weave in ends and turn RS out.

Block gently to measurements either flat on or on a hanger, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.



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Hello!

Welcome to our cookies and cupcake pattern collection

There's nothing better than an indulgent afternoon tea – and the best thing about our array of tempting delights is that they are completely guilt- and sugar-free!

Choose from cupcakes, cookies, macarons, scones, doughnuts and even striped sweets, all knitted in Merino Blend DK from King Cole. Each of these quick-make projects is designed for knitters with some experience and will make gorgeous gifts!

Happy yummy knitting!

Sophie

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- King Cole Merino Blend DK (100% wool, 50g/104m), 1 ball of each
- Yarn A** Mustard (855)
- Yarn B** White (001)
- Yarn C** Turquoise (018)
- Yarn D** Pale Pink (1532)
- Yarn E** Rose Hip (3091)
- Yarn F** Lavender (927)
- Yarn G** Chestnut (3089)
- Yarn H** Chocolate (023)
- A pair of 3mm needles
- A 3mm crochet hook

- Stitch holder
- Toy stuffing
- Cardboard

TENSION

26 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

- Cupcakes** 9-10cm (3½-4in) tall, 5.5cm (2¼in) diameter.
- Ice cream** 13cm (5¼in) tall, 3cm (1¼in) base diameter
- Biscuits, Macarons, Mini Doughnuts**, 5cm (2in) diameter
- Mini Cakes** 6-7cm (2½-2¾in) tall, 4.5cm (1¾in) diameter
- Sweets** 5cm (2in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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

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- Woolbox**
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- Laughing Hens**
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SWEETTREATS

Notes Leave long ends at the beginning and end for sewing. Sew the seams with the RS facing using mattress stitch unless instructed otherwise.

CHERRY CUPCAKE CAKE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

- Row 1** (WS) Purl.
- Row 2** (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]
- Row 3** Purl.
- Row 4** (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times. [24 sts]
- Row 5** Purl.
- Row 6** (K3, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K3) 3 times. [30 sts]
- Row 7** Purl.
- Row 8** (Bottom edge) Purl.
- Rows 9 to 19** Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
- Row 20** (K2, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K2) 5 times. [40 sts]
- Rows 21 to 27** Starting on a WS purl row, work in

st st.

- Row 28** (K2, k2tog) 9 times, K1, k2tog, K1. [30 sts]
 - Row 29** Purl.
 - Row 30** (K3, k2tog) 5 times, K2, k2tog, K1. [24 sts]
 - Row 31** Purl.
 - Row 32** (K2, k2tog) 5 times, K1, k2tog, K1. [18 sts]
 - Row 33** Purl.
 - Row 34** (K1, k2tog) 5 times, k2tog, K1. [12 sts]
- Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

ICING

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn D.

- Row 1** (WS) Purl.
- Row 2** (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]
- Row 3** Purl.
- Row 4** (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]
- Row 5** Purl.
- **Row 6** K6, turn, leaving rem sts on LH needle and cont on this set of 6 sts only. [6 sts]



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Rows 7 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 13 P1, (p2tog) twice, P1. [4 sts]

Cast off.

With RS facing, rejoin Yarn D to next 6 sts on LH needle and work from **. Cont in this manner until all sts have been worked and 5 sections of icing have been made in total.

CHERRY

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 7 times. [14 sts]

Rows 2 to 5 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 6 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

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

CUP

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn C.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times. [24 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K3, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K3) 3 times. [30 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 (K2, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K2) 5 times. [40 sts]

Row 9 Purl.

Row 10 (Bottom edge) Purl.

Row 11 Purl.

Rows 12 to 22 (K1, P1) 20 times.

Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

With fastened-off yarn end of Cake, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew base seam halfway and stuff. Thread Yarn A and insert needle from opening and bring it out at centre of base panel. Pierce through Cake back and forth once more to secure thread in place

and flatten base. Close rem seam. With cast-on yarn end of Cup, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew seam as far as cast-off edge and encase Cake. Attach Icing to Cake. Using fastened-off yarn end of Cherry, sew seam, stuffing as you go. Attach Cherry to top of Icing.

CHOCOLATE HEART CUPCAKE CAKE

Work as for Cherry Cupcake, using Yarn E.

CUP

Work as for Cherry Cupcake, using Yarn F.

ICING

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times. [24 sts]

Rows 5 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Cast off.

HEART

FIRST HALF

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

Row 1 P1, (pfb) 3 times. [7 sts]

Break yarn and leave sts on a holder.

SECOND HALF

Work as given for First Half, do not break yarn.

Row 2 (Joining) K5, k2tog, with RS facing and working across First Half sts, k2tog, K5. [12 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

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

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]

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

MAKING UP

Make up Cake and Cup as given for Cherry





Cupcake. Using cast-on yarn end of Icing, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew seam, stuffing as you go, and attach Icing to Cake. Fold sides of Heart toward each other and sew seam at centre. Attach Heart to Icing. Using Yarn B, embroider French knots on Cake for sprinkles.

ICE CREAM CONE

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (Bottom edge) Purl.

Rows 5 to 17 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 18 (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times. [24 sts]

Rows 19 to 23 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 24 (K3, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K3) 3 times. [30 sts]

Row 25 Purl.

Row 26 (Top folding edge) Purl.

Row 27 Purl.

Row 28 (Ridge) Purl.

The previous RS becomes the WS from this point on.

Rows 29 to 33 Starting with a RS knit row, work in st st.

Cast off.

CREAM

Cast on 12 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K2, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K2) 3 times. [24 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (K3, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K3) 3 times. [30 sts]

Row 7 Purl.

Row 8 (K2, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K2) 5 times. [40 sts]



Rows 9 to 15 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 16 (K2, k2tog) 9 times, K1, k2tog, K1.

[30 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 (K2tog) 15 times. [15 sts]

Row 19 Purl.

Row 20 (Kfb) 15 times. [30 sts]

Rows 21 to 27 Starting with WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 28 (K1, k2tog) 9 times, k2tog, K1. [20 sts]

Row 29 Purl.

Row 30 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]

Row 31 Purl.

Row 32 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Rows 33 to 39 Starting with a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 40 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]

Row 41 Purl.

Row 42 (K2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]

Row 43 Purl.

Row 44 K2tog, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]

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

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Using cast-on yarn end of Cone, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew base panel and join sides tog. Fold top edge outward at folding line and stuff Cone. With



fastened-off yarn end of Cream, sew seam and stuff. Create definition by working a gathering thread along decrease rows. To shape Cream, pierce it with a threaded needle from any point along decrease row and bring it out from base. Repeat the process several times back and forth. Sew Cream to top edge of Cone.

MINI DOUGHNUT

MAKE 1 IN YARNS A/D AND 1 IN YARNS A/H

Cast on 20 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K4, kfb) 3 times, (kfb, K4) 3 times.

[36 sts]

Rows 5 to 7 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Break Yarn A and join Yarn D or H.

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 (ridge) Knit.

Rows 10 to 13 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 14 (K4, k2tog) 5 times, K3, k2tog, K1.

[30 sts]

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 (K1, k2tog) 9 times, k2tog, K1. [20 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Cast off.



MAKING UP

Sew short edges tog, using matching colours. Using cast-on or cast-off yarn end, sew inner edges tog, stuff Doughnut, and close seam. With colour of your choice, embroider short lines on top of Doughnut for sprinkles.

COCOA BISCUIT

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Rows 4 to 8 Knit.

Join Yarn B. Carry Yarn H up side of work.

Rows 9 to 10 Knit.

Break Yarn B and cont with Yarn H.

Rows 11 to 16 Knit.

Row 17 (K1, k2tog) 9 times, k2tog, K1. [20 sts]

Row 18 Knit.

Row 19 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]

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

MAKING UP

Prepare two circles of cardboard, 4.5cm in diameter. With fastened-off yarn end sew seam up to edge of Biscuit. Encase cardboard circles and sew opposite side panel. Work a gathering



thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Pierce Biscuit from centre to centre to flatten it.

FILLED BISCUIT BISCUIT

MAKE 1 IN YARNS A/E/A AND 1 IN YARNS G/H/G

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A or G.

Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Rows 4 to 8 Knit.

Join Yarn E or H. Carry Yarn A or G up side of work.

Rows 9 to 10 Knit.

Break Yarn E or H and cont with Yarn A or G.

Rows 11 to 14 Knit.

Row 15 (K3, k2tog) 5 times, K2, k2tog, K1. [24 sts]

Row 16 Knit.

Row 17 (K2, k2tog) 5 times, K1, k2tog, K1. [18 sts]

Cast off purlwise.

TOP FILLING

MAKE 1 IN YARN E AND 1 IN YARN H

Cast on 6 sts with 3mm needles.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 6 times. [12 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (P1, pfb) 3 times, (pfb, P1) 3 times. [18 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (P2, pfb) 3 times, (pfb, P2) 3 times. [24 sts]

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (P3, pfb) 3 times, (pfb, P3) 3 times. [30 sts]

Rows 8 to 10 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 11 (P3, p2tog) 5 times, P2, p2tog, P1. [24 sts]

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

MAKING UP

Prepare a circular piece of cardboard with diameter 4cm. With cast-on yarn end of Top Filling, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up firmly. Sew sides tog, enclose cardboard circle and pull fastened-off yarn end tightly at back of cardboard. The knitted piece does not cover entire cardboard. Secure knitted Top Filling to cardboard. With cast-on yarn end of Biscuit, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew seam up to edge and encase Top Filling. Using cast-off yarn end, secure both Top Filling and Biscuit as you create a heart-shaped opening.

STRIPY SWEET

BODY

MAKE 1 IN YARNS B/C AND 1 IN YARNS B/E

Cast on 9 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 9 times. [18 sts]

Join Yarn C or E. Carry unused yarns up side of work.

Rows 2 to 3 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn B.

Rows 4 to 5 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Change to Yarn C or E.

Rows 6 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn C or E and cont with Yarn B.

Rows 8 to 9 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 10 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]

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

SIDE PIECE

MAKE 1 IN YARN C AND 1 IN YARN E

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 K1, (k2tog) twice, K1. [4 sts]

Row 3 K1, k2tog, K1. [3 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

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

MAKING UP

With fastened-off yarn end, sew seam and stuff.





Work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly to close. Attach Side Pieces.

MACARON

MAKE 1 IN YARNS D/B/D AND 1 IN YARNS F/B/F)

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needle and Yarn D or F.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (P1, pfb) 5 times, (pfb, P1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Rows 4 to 10 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 11 (Ridge) Knit.

Join Yarn B. Carry Yarn D or F up side of work.

Rows 12 to 13 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Break Yarn B. Cont with Yarn D or F.

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 (Ridge) Knit.

Rows 16 to 22 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 23 (K1, k2tog) 9 times, k2tog, K1. [20 sts]

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]

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

MAKING UP

Prepare two circular pieces of cardboard with diameter 4.5cm. With the fastened-off yarn end, sew seam halfway. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Insert cardboard circles into knitted piece, adding stuffing between circles as well as at top and bottom of Macaron. Close seam.

Pierce centre of Macaron from one end to the other and gently pull thread to flatten Macaron.

MINI CHOCOLATE CAKE CAKE

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn H.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (Bottom edge) Purl.

Rows 7 to 16 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 17 (Top edge) Knit.

Row 18 Knit.

Row 19 (P3, p2tog) 5 times, P2, p2tog, P1. [24 sts]

Row 20 Knit.

Row 21 (P2, p2tog) 5 times, P1, p2tog, P1. [18 sts]

Row 22 Knit.

Row 23 (P1, p2tog) 5 times, p2tog, P1. [12 sts]

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

ICING

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 (P1, pfb) 5 times, (pfb, P1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (Edge) Knit.

Rows 6 to 15 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 16 (K1, k2tog) 9 times, k2tog, K1. [20 sts]

Row 17 Purl.

Row 18 (K2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]

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

CHOCOLATE STICK

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.

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

Cast off.

CHOCOLATE STRIP

With Yarn G and 3mm crochet hook, make 15 ch.

Fasten off.



WAFER

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

Row 1 (WS) Knit.

Row 2 (K1, kfb) twice, kfb, K1. [9 sts]

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 (K2, kfb) twice, K1, kfb, K1. [12 sts]

Rows 5 to 7 Knit.

Row 8 (Picot) K2, (yo, k2tog) 4 times, yo, K2. [13 sts]

Row 9 Knit.

Cast off purlwise.

CHERRY

Work as given for Cherry Cupcake.

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With fastened-off yarn end of Cake, sew top panel and halfway along side seam. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Sew rem side seam, stuffing as you go. Pierce Cake from top to bottom to flatten base. Using fastened-off yarn end of Icing, sew seam halfway and stuff. With cast-on yarn end, work a gathering thread along cast-on edge and draw it up tightly. Close rem seam. Pierce Icing from top to bottom as for Cake. Sew Icing to Cake. Seam and stuff Cherry and attach it to Icing. Sew sides of Chocolate Stick, wrap it with Chocolate Strip and secure Strip to Stick. Sew Stick to Icing. Fold Wafer at picot row and oversew edge to Wafer. Fold piece in half vertically and stitch panels tog. Attach Wafer to Icing.

STRAWBERRY CREAM SCONE SCONE

Cast on 10 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (Kfb) 10 times. [20 sts]

Row 3 Purl.

Row 4 (K1, kfb) 5 times, (kfb, K1) 5 times. [30 sts]

Row 5 Purl.

Row 6 (Bottom edge) Purl.

Rows 7 to 11 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 12 (Ridge) Purl.

Join Yarn E. Carry Yarn A up side of work.

Rows 13 to 14 Purl.

Break Yarn E. Cont with Yarn A.

Row 15 Purl.

Row 16 (Ridge) Purl.

Rows 17 to 21 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.

Row 22 (Top edge) Purl.

Row 23 Purl.

Row 24 (K3, k2tog) 5 times, K2, k2tog, K1. [24 sts]

Row 25 Purl.

Row 26 (K2, k2tog) 5 times, K1, k2tog, K1. [18 sts]

Row 27 Purl.

Row 28 (K1, k2tog) 5 times, k2tog, K1. [12 sts]

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

CREAM

Work as for Mini Chocolate Cake Icing, using Yarn D.

STRAWBERRY

Cast on 7 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.

Row 1 (WS) (Pfb) 7 times. [14 sts]

Rows 2 to 4 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.

Row 5 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]

Row 6 Purl.

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

BLUEBERRY (MAKE 2)

Cast on 8 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn F.

Row 1 (WS) (P2tog) 8 times. [4 sts]

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

MAKING UP

Assemble Scone body as given for Mini Chocolate Cake. Seam Strawberry, stuff, and attach it to Cream. Stitch ends of each Berry tog and attach to Cream. ●



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