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Springtime Blanket

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Kirstie McLeod, Editor

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BONUS Spring knits pattern booklet

Embrace springtime with patterns and ideas for every style and skill level!

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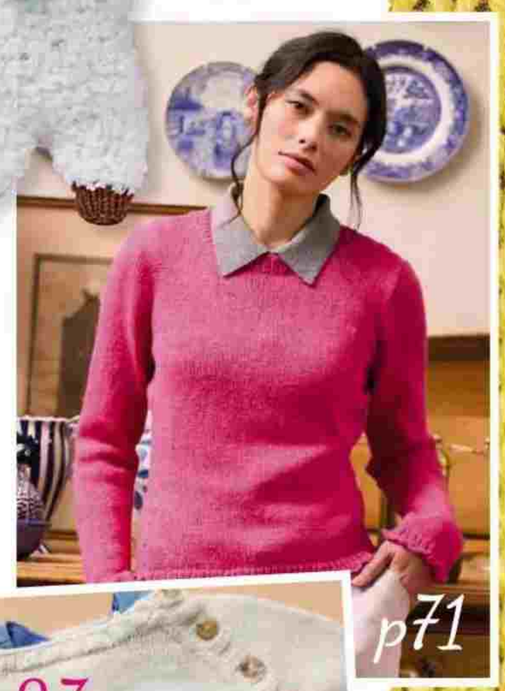

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As the beautiful spring months continue to inspire, so does the latest issue of *Simply Knitting*, packed with projects to brighten your days and spark your creativity! From our sunny **embroidered cardigan** to our cosy **Fair Isle cushion**, there's something you'll want to get your knitting needles into. Knit for joy with our adorable baby **duckling jumper** or extra squishy **llama**, and get ready for even warmer days with the stylish **ombre tank top** that's perfect for layering. Don't miss our **Lend a Hand** pattern, ideal for charity crafting, or relax and read with **puzzles**, **expert advice** and inspirational stories. Whether you're tackling cables, lace or playful new stitches, this issue celebrates the season of growth, hope and creativity.

Happy spring knitting to you all!

The SK Team x

Kirstie, Sophie, Nicola, Camilla, Jennifer and Cory

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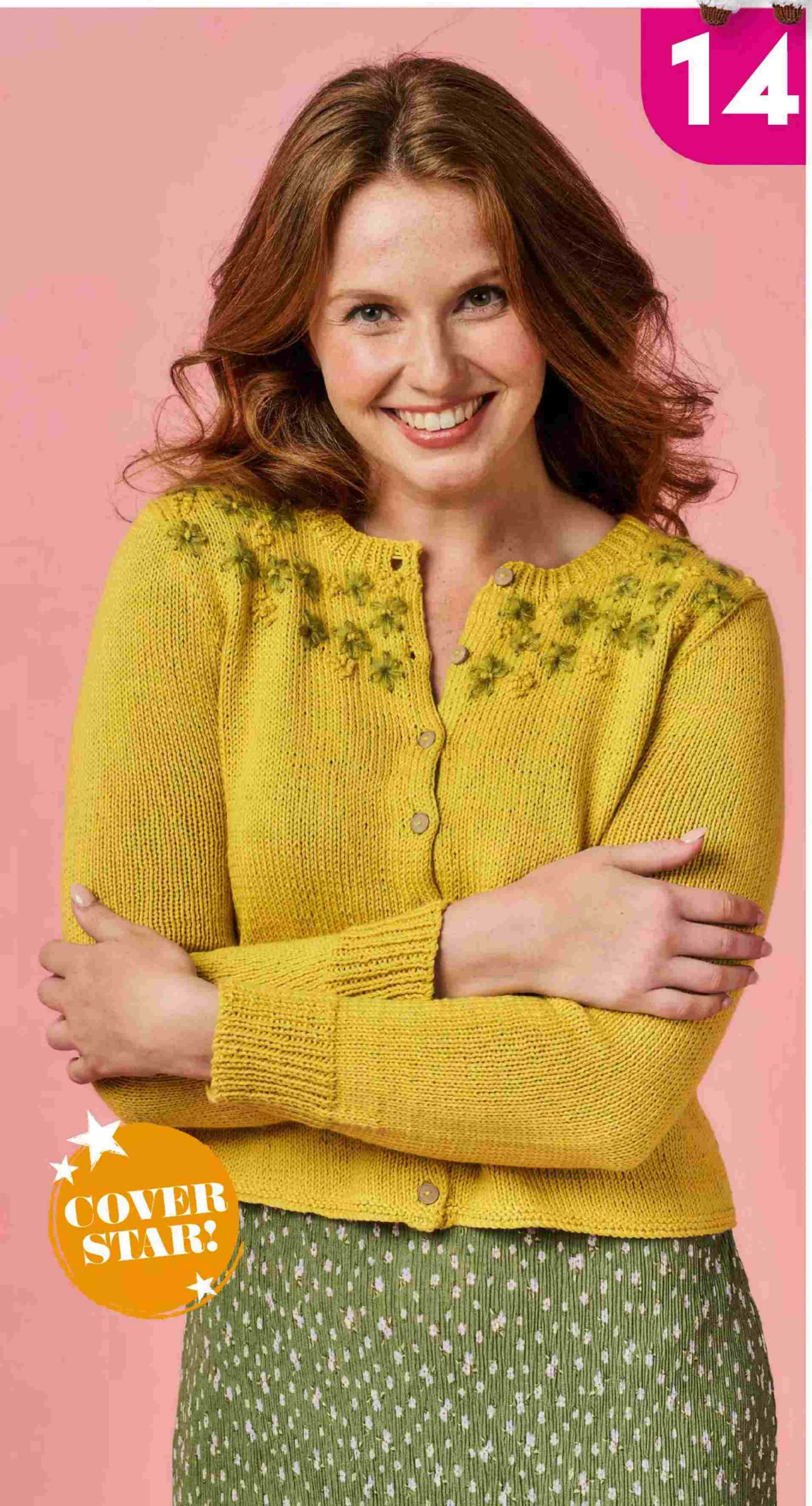

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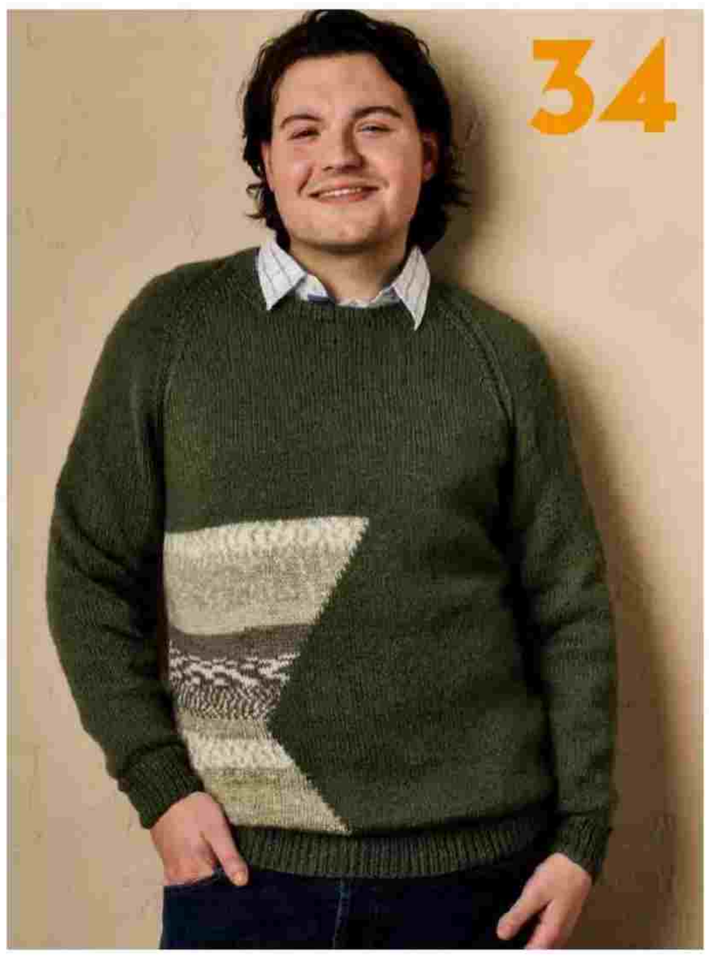

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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MONTH!

Spring Knits For Kids, our packed pattern book

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Our new special gift offering this issue includes a spring knits pattern book, ready to help you dive into your next project. With a delightful selection of seasonal patterns inside, you'll find inspiration for your spring and Easter knitting. Try making a kids' bunny jumper, adorable lamb and chick toys, or cosy bunny socks. These charming designs are a great way to celebrate the season and add a playful touch to your handmade collection.

20 PACKED PAGES!

4 seasonal PATTERNS

- ✓ Great patterns
- ✓ For all levels
- ✓ Seasonal fun

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WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR SPRING KNITS PATTERN BOOK...

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MUST-HAVE TREATS NEXT ISSUE!

Beautiful baby patterns

With a little bolero, lace jumper, bootees, baby set and bunny toy, this gorgeous baby pattern collection makes the perfect inspiration for your gift knits this year. Choose from great designs by Jo Allport, Val Pierce, DROPS and Claire Fairall!

Save the date!

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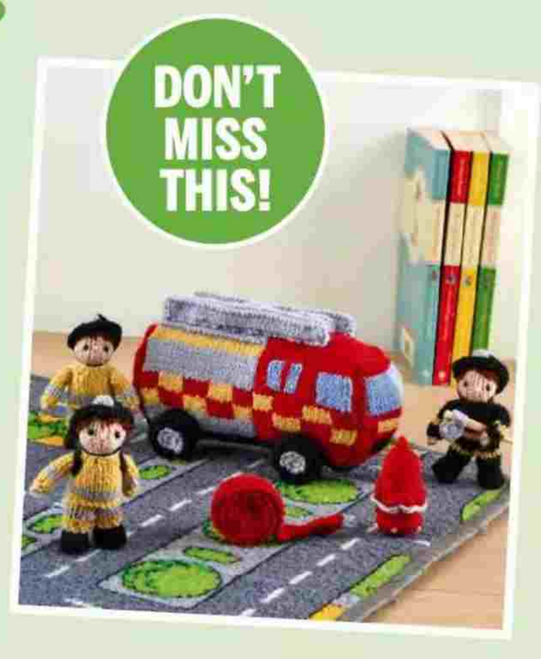
Firefighters play set

Little details pack this great kids' knit next issue. Sachiyo Ishii's wonderful talent for creating toys from the least yarn continues with our cute firefighters set. Bring real-life adventure to your little one's play time with this gift set pattern, complete with hose and engine.

DON'T MISS THIS!



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CHUNKY CHIC

'52 Weeks of Chunky Knits' is the ultimate book of cosy, stylish creations! Featuring 52 chic designs from 46 global designers, this book offers quick, satisfying projects – from oversized sweaters to must-have home decor.

www.lainepublishing.com

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What I'm loving...

...cute 3D kid's knits, glorious spring homewares, the latest soft yarns, news from Gathered and a top new app!

West Yorkshire Spinners Spring Blanket KAL

Join West Yorkshire Spinner's new Springtime Blanket KAL using their yarn bundles. With a beautiful array of gorgeous spring motifs to knit, you'll fill your evenings celebrating the spring season with your needles. Just imagine this bright blanket draped over your favourite chair! The first pattern instalment is released on March 20, part two on March 27 and part three on April 3.

Blanket KAL yarn bundles £52.25 at www.wyspinners.com

Cute for kids

LittleImaginKnits on Etsy

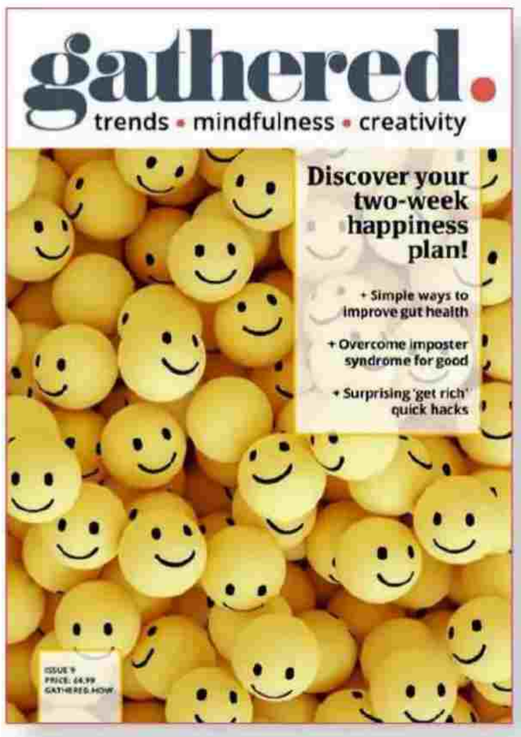
Do you love a bright, bold, 3D knit? When 100% fun knitting is your remit make a beeline for LittleImaginKnits on Etsy and cast on tactile mittens, fun crowns and so much more to keep your little ones warm!

PDF patterns from £3.84, www.etsy.com

Scheepjes Arcadia Yarn

Inspired by landscapes from around the world, new Arcadia yarn by Scheepjes comes in soft colourways and a cosy wool blend. It's perfect for adventurous sock knitters at £8.95 per 100g.

www.scheepjes.com for stockists



Brand new read

Latest Gathered Magazine

This month Gathered is looking at self-care, positivity, silencing negativity, celebrating milestones, creativity through crafts and 30 hacks for winter survival.

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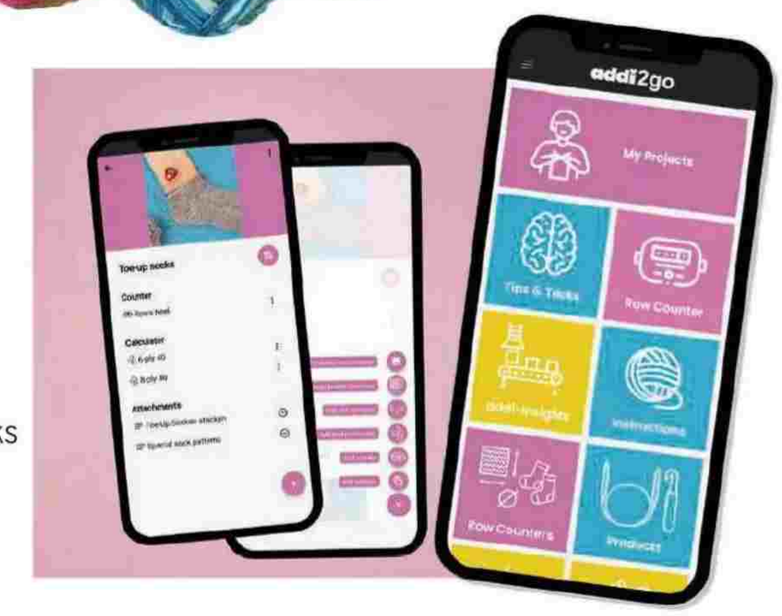

Advice at your fingertips

New addi2go knitting app

The addi2go app is a craft app that offers digital tools for knitting and crocheting, including row counters, calculation functions, and the ability to create projects. The app also offers free instructions, tips and tricks.

Download on your usual app store

THE POWER OF PASTELS

Looking for pure pastel perfection? Rico's Creative Painted Power Cotton DK is here for 2025! This beautifully light, slightly brushed yarn features subtle gradient shifts, making every project effortlessly elegant. Whether you're knitting breezy tops, stylish shawls, or cosy cardigans, this DK-weight beauty delivers both softness and strength. With a luxurious blend of cotton, acrylic, wool and nylon, each 100g ball offers 300 metres of creative potential. Machine washable and easy to work with on 3.5-4.5mm needles, it could become an essential for your stash.

£7.65 for 100g, www.rico-design.de/en

Soft to the touch

King Cole Velveteen is a soft dreamy yarn designed to keep you warm and fabulously on trend

Say hello to King Cole Velveteen Super Chunky – a yarn that's as soft as faux fur and bold in texture! Perfect for creating chic jumpers, cardigans, accessories, toys and more, this super-chunky beauty brings affordable warmth to your crafting projects. It's made from 100% polyester, knitted on a speedy 10mm needle size and comes with 65m per 100g ball. Plus, it's machine washable, making it brilliantly practical too!
£5.49 for 100g, for stockists visit www.kingcole.com

Super soft

CELEBRATE CRAFT!

Enjoy Kirklees' wonderful textile heritage when you visit WOVEN Festival, on June 1 to 30 this year

WOVEN Festival is returning to Kirklees for its 2025 edition, running from June 1 to 30! This exciting, month-long event celebrates the region's rich textile heritage and the future of the industry with over 100 events, including workshops, talks and exhibitions. The 2025 theme, 'Connecting Culture', brings communities together through the universal language of textiles. Get involved in textile-themed activities, or joining in on the vibrant celebrations. Plus, local initiatives can benefit from micro-grants to bring their projects to life. Don't miss this chance to be part of something creative! Check out the WOVEN website for more information.
Visit www.woveninkirklees.co.uk for details

YARN OF THE MONTH

WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS WOOL REVIVAL

WYS's latest yarn is a sustainable spin on a loved British tradition

West Yorkshire Spinners is giving waste wool a brand-new life with its innovative Wool Revival project. Each year, thousands of kilos of British wool are spun, leaving behind valuable excess fibre that would typically go to waste. But West Yorkshire Spinners refuses to let good wool go unused!

Instead, the fibre is collected, processed and transformed into a beautiful new yarn. The entire process – from carding and combing to spinning and dyeing – happens within a 10-mile radius, keeping sustainability front and centre. The result? A high-quality, eco-friendly DK yarn (80% recycled British wool, 20% recycled nylon) that's ready to use for your next knitting project.
£5.50 for 100g, www.wyspinners.com

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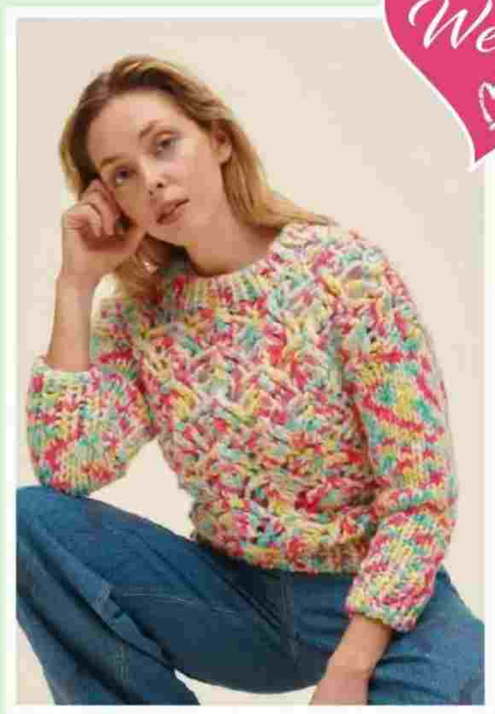

Make it chunky!

Wrap up warm and cosy in super-quick style with the ultimate guide to snuggly, stylish creations. New book '52 Weeks of Chunky Knits' from Laine Publishing features 52 effortlessly chic designs, ranging from oversized sweaters to must-have home décor. With patterns crafted by 46 incredible designers from around the globe, this book is packed with texture, technique, and plenty of warmth. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned pro, these worsted to super-chunky knits promise fast, satisfying projects – perfect for last-minute gifts or self-care crafting.
£38, for more visit www.lainepublishing.com

Bursting with colour

Check out this vibrant, variegated DK yarn to brighten every stitch and project!

If your knitting experience is all about adding a pop of colour to your projects Stylecraft's Colour Burst DK could be the answer! This vibrant, variegated yarn brings a playful mix of shades, from zesty citrus to dreamy pastels, with subtle flecks of brown and grey for extra depth. Perfect for garments, homeware, accessories and even toys, Colour Burst DK offers a soft yet durable blend of 80% acrylic and 20% polyamide. With 320 metres per 100g ball, your creativity can run wild at just £3.49 a pop. Grab your 4mm needles and start stitching up some joy this weekend!
For stockists visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

LOVE YOUR YARN SHOP

YARN SHOP LOVE

Do you need to show your yarn shop some love? It's time to celebrate your favourite knitting haven with UK Hand Knitting's Love Your Yarn Shop event. Running from March 29 to May 31, nearly 400 stores nationwide are getting involved. All you need to do is pick up a stamp card at your local yarn shop, collect four stamps during your visits, and you'll be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win one of 50 fabulous £40 prizes! Plus, there are eight instant-win prizes worth £25 up for grabs. Want to check if your shop is taking part? Head to the UK Hand Knitting website for all the details.
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DAINTY DETAILS

Add a sprinkle of alternative crafting to a classic cardigan, with **Lisa Richardson**'s embroidered design

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✻ EMBROIDERED CARDIGAN

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Summerlite DK (100% cotton, 50g/130m)
- ☐ Rowan Kidsilk Haze (lace weight, 70% superkid mohair, 30% silk, 25g/210m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ 8 buttons
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure

10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.75mm needles and Summerlite DK

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **Ewe Wool Shop** www.i-love-ewe.com
- ☐ **Black Sheep Wools** 01925 764231 or www.blacksheepwools.com

SHOP SMART SHOP LOCAL!
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"Embroidered knitwear is having its day at the moment, with lots of examples on the high street. If you're unsure of embroidery, practice your stitches on a swatch first"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

EMBROIDERED CARDIGAN
BACK

Cast on 91 (101: 113: 123: 135: 145: 157: 167: 181) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3.75mm needles.
Beg with a K row, now work in st st until Back meas 27.5 (28.5: 29: 29.5: 30: 30.5: 30.5: 31.5: 31.5)cm from cast-on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[85 (93: 103: 111: 121: 129: 139: 147: 159) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5: 7: 7: 9: 9: 11: 11: 13) rows, then on foll 2 (4: 5: 6: 5: 6: 7: 9: 11) alt rows.
[71 (75: 79: 85: 93: 99: 103: 107: 111) sts]
Cont straight until armhole meas 18 (19: 20.5: 22: 23.5: 25: 26: 27: 28)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

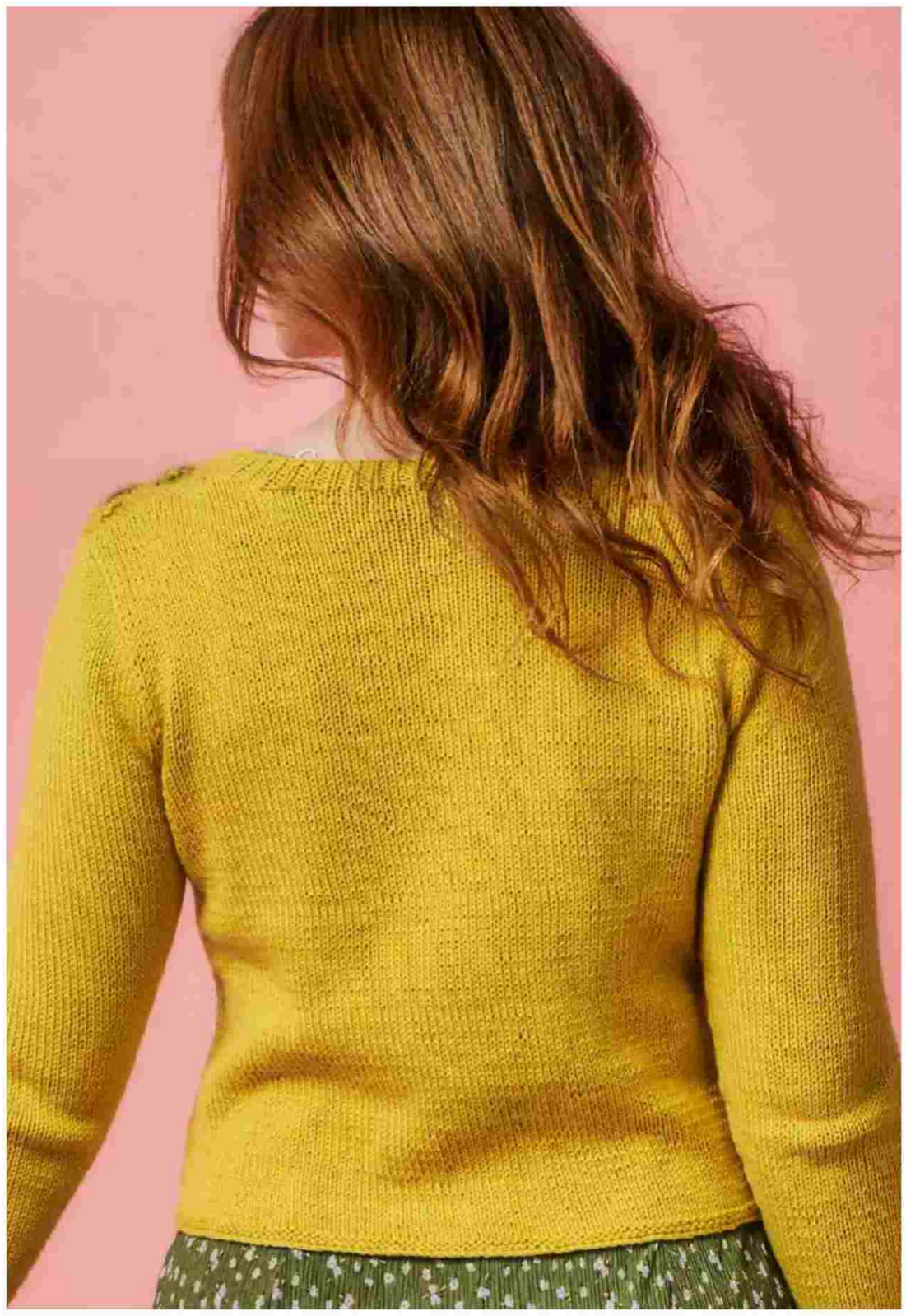
SHAPE SHOULDERS AND BACK NECK

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 4 (5: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts, K until there are 19 (19: 21: 22: 25: 27: 28: 30: 31) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.
Work each side of neck separately.
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows and at same time **cast off** 5 (5: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at beg of 2nd row, then 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts at beg of foll alt row.
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 25 (27: 27: 29: 29: 31: 31: 31: 31) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin yarn and K to end.
Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

LEFT FRONT

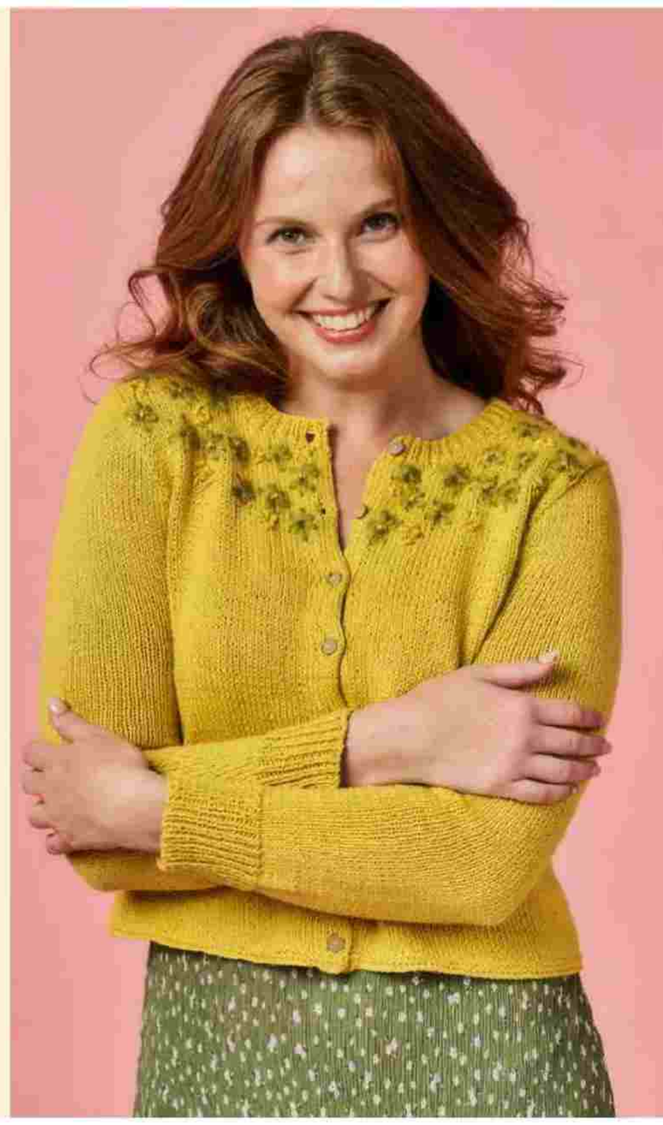
Cast on 53 (58: 64: 69: 75: 80: 86: 91: 98) sts using 3.25mm



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	83.5	92.5	103.5	112.5	123.5	132.5	143.5	152.5	165.5
	in	32¾	36½	40¾	44¼	48½	52¼	56½	60	65¼
LENGTH	cm	45.5	47.5	49.5	51.5	53.5	55.5	56.5	58.5	59.5
	in	18	18¾	19½	20¼	21	21¾	22¼	23	23½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	45	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	17¼	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN		**Rowan Summerlite DK (50g/130m)**								
Yarn A Summer (453)		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
YARN		**Rowan Kidsilk Haze (25g/210m)**								
Yarn B Jelly (597)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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



needles and Yarn A.
Work in garter st for 4 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.**

Change to 3.75mm needles.
Beg with a K row, now work in st st until Left Front matches Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next row.
[50 (54: 59: 63: 68: 72: 77: 81: 87) sts]
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 5 (5: 7: 7: 9: 9: 11: 11: 13) rows, then on foll 2 (4: 5: 6: 5: 6: 7: 9: 11) alt rows.
[43 (45: 47: 50: 54: 57: 59: 61: 63) sts]
Cont straight until 16 (16: 16: 18: 18: 20: 20: 20: 20) rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K28 (29: 31: 34: 38: 41: 43: 45: 47) and turn, leaving rem 15 (16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16) sts on a holder (for neckband).
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 6 rows, then on 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 4) alt rows, then on foll 4th row. [19 (20: 22: 24: 28: 30: 32: 34: 36) sts]
Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at beg of next and foll 0 (2: 1: 2: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2) alt rows, then 5 (-: 6: -: -: 8: -: 9: -) sts at beg of foll 2 (-: 1: -: -: 1: -: 1: -) rows.
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts.

Mark positions for buttons along Left Front opening edge – the top (8th) button will be worked as part of the neckband 1cm above sts remaining on neckband holder, mark the lowest button to come level with Row 6, and rem 6 buttons to be evenly spaced between.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as given for Left Front to **.
Work 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Next row (RS) K1, k2tog tbl, yfwd (to make facing buttonhole of first pair of buttonholes), K4, yfwd, k2tog (to make second buttonhole of first pair of buttonholes), K to end.
Making a further 6 pairs of buttonholes in this way to correspond with positions marked for buttons on Left Front and noting that no further reference will be made to buttonholes, complete to match Left Front, reversing shapings and working first row of neck shaping as foll:

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K15 (16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16: 16) and slip these sts onto a holder (for neckband), K to end.
[28 (29: 31: 34: 38: 41: 43: 45: 47) sts]

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 51 (53: 55: 57: 57: 59: 59: 61: 61) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 2 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
These 2 rows form rib.
Cont in rib until work meas 7cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3.75mm needles.
Beg with a K row, now work in st st throughout as folls:
Inc 1 st at each end of the 11th (9th: 7th: 5th: 5th: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and then inc 1 st at each end of every foll 12th (10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row another 7 (3: 4: 12: 12: 2: 8: 11: 16) times.
[67 (61: 65: 83: 83: 65: 77: 85: 97) sts].

ALL SIZES (EXCEPT SIZES 4-6 AND 16-18)

Then inc 1 st at each end of every foll – (12th: 10th: -: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row - (5: 6: -: 3: 15: 11: 9: 6) times.
[- (71: 77: -: 89: 95: 99: 103: 107) sts]

ALL SIZES

[67 (71: 77: 83: 89: 95: 99: 103: 107) sts]
Cont straight until Sleeve meas 44 (45: 45: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46) cm from cast-on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE TOP SLEEVE

Cast off 3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[61 (63: 67: 71: 75: 79: 81: 83: 85) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll alt row, then on 5 foll 4th rows. [43 (45: 49: 53: 57: 61: 63: 65: 67) sts]
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at each end of next row and every foll alt row another 2 (3: 5: 7: 9: 11: 12: 13: 14) times. [37 sts]
Then dec 1 st at each end of foll 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [23 sts]
Cast off rem sts.

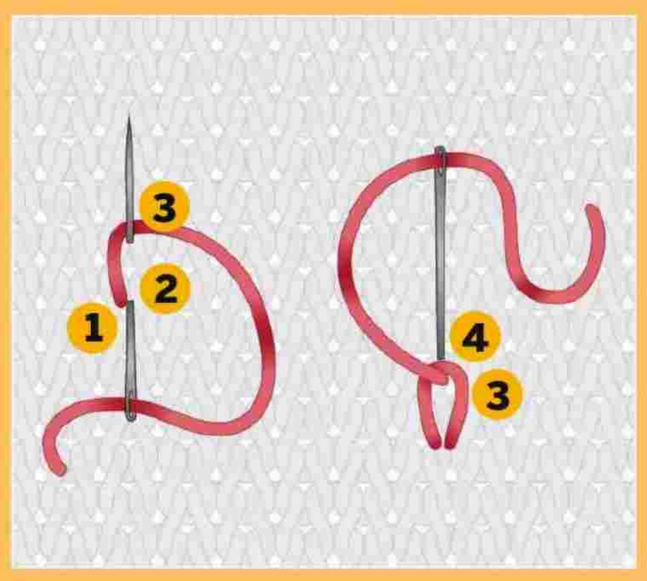
MAKING UP

1 Block pieces gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.
2 Join both shoulder seams using mattress stitch, or backstitch if preferred.
3 Along front opening edges, fold 5 sts to inside and neatly sew in place, sewing around buttonholes on Right Front.
4 At front neck edge there will be 2 sets of 5 sts – one facing set that are folded to inside and another set that the facing sts sit behind. (There are also another 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on neck holder beyond these facing sts.) When working sts for neckband, start at folded edge and make first st by inserting right needle through first st and through corresponding facing st. Repeat this for all 5 facing sts, then work across rem sts in the normal way.

NECKBAND

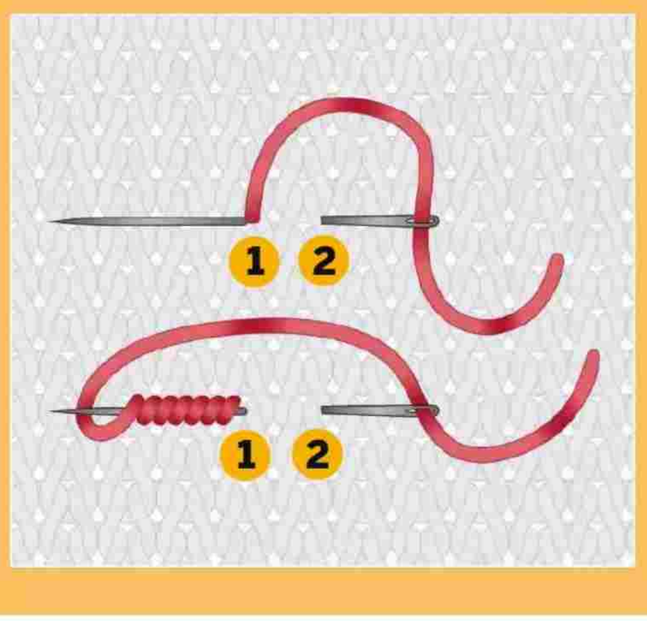
With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A, beg and ending at facing folded edge, K first 5 sts together with facing 5 sts (see note above), then K rem 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on Front neck holder, pick up and knit 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 26: 26: 26: 26) sts up right side of Front neck, and 5 sts down right side of Back neck, K across 25 (27: 27: 29: 29: 31: 31: 31: 31) sts on Back holder, pick up and knit 5 sts up left side of Back neck, and 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 26:

STEP-BY-STEP LAZY DAISY STITCH



Bring the needle up at ❶ and down at ❷, right next to where it first emerged, but without pulling the needle all the way through the fabric. Bring it up again at ❸, with the thread under the needle. Pull the needle gently to form a loop. Secure the loop with a short stitch by pushing the needle through the fabric at ❹.

STEP-BY-STEP BULLION KNOT



Bring the needle up at ❶ and down at ❷. Bring it up again at ❶ and wrap the thread around the needle as many times as the stitch length requires. Holding the twists firmly with your thumb, pull the needle through the thread coils. Pull back in the opposite direction so the coil lies flat, then insert the needle back in at ❷.

26: 26: 26) sts down left side of Front neck, K across first 5 (6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) sts on Front neck holder, then K next 5 sts together with facing 5 sts (see note above).
[99 (103: 103: 109: 109: 115: 115: 115: 115) sts]
Beg with Row 2, now work in rib as given for Sleeves as folls:
Work 2 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.
Row 3 (WS) Rib to last 4 sts, yrn, p2togtbl (to make 8th buttonhole), rib 2.
Work in rib for a further 3 rows, ending with WS facing for next row.
Cast off in rib (on WS).

FINISHING

Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Set in Sleeve, easing sleeve head into armhole. Join side and Sleeve seams. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Gently block to measurements, following any special yarn care instructions on the ball band.

EMBROIDERY

Using diagrams as a guide, embroider flowers over shoulder area as required. Use Yarn B double for each flower and work 6-7 lazy daisy stitches radiating out from centre point. Using Yarn A, work a bullion knot at the centre of some flowers, and sprinkle groups of bullions knots between flowers.

WHY NOT TRY...

Not a fan of embroidery? Take a trip to your local haberdashery shop to hunt out pre-made flower embellishments. You'll find many made from ribbon, chiffon and more, which will look just as pretty.

GET THE LOOK!

Team your knit with the latest trends

Kirstie McLeod, Editor

Stay in touch!

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

Sarah has masterminded Ribberto's new look!

WHAT A CROAKER!

I have just finished Ribberto the frog from *Simply Knitting* Issue 256. I used colour-changing wool rather than the yarn the pattern advised. I've added different frog eyes and filled his hands and bum with pellet filling – he gives a beautiful hug. I love knitting (and frogs)!

@ Sarah Cutler

The variegated yarn you have used is perfect for Ribberto, and he looks particularly pleased about it too! I'm in no doubt that the pellets you've added have made him endlessly huggable. Well done Sarah, this is a fantastic knit!

★STAR LETTER★

STASHBUSTING SUCCESS

I thought I would show you my jumper. I've been knitting for over 60 years and have accumulated lots of scraps of DK yarn over the years. Last year I decided to stop making for the grandchildren for a while and make a jumper for myself using oddments of DK yarn. This is my jumper of many colours, 36 in total. I used a basic pattern for stitch count and shaping but just chose colours from my stash. This is the front – the sleeves have the same colours but in a different order. I'm delighted with the result and the best bit, it didn't cost me a thing. I would love to feature in your magazine!

Julie's gorgeous jumper uses all the colours of the rainbow (and more!)

@ Julie Hayday

We think your stashbusting jumper is not only worthy of making it into *Simply Knitting*, Julie, but of winning our star prize this issue. Congratulations – what a wonderful colourful creation!

£50 GIFT CARD

SPONSORED BY

Our star letter writer wins a fantastic gift voucher worth £50 from The Little Wool Company!*

*Prizes subject to change

Sweet stuffed bears decorate Kim's baby blanket

BEARS FOR BABY

I thought I would send you a picture of the baby blanket I knitted for my first grandchild, a little girl called Margot, born in September. The pattern, knitted in Stylecraft DK, required 30 squares: 15 in stocking stitch then 15 in moss stitch. I hate doing moss stitch so I just did a heart pattern instead. All the teddy heads, ears and muzzles were knitted separately and partially stuffed as I sewed them on, then the teddy features were embroidered. It was a work of love! Rather than doing the knitted edge suggested in the pattern I attached a satin ribbon – my kids all loved satin-edged blankets – I then backed the blanket with a fleece blanket from IKEA.

@ Kim Dillon

This is such a super-cute blanket, Kim, and it has been really interesting to read about all your adaptations. I completely understand a love of satin edges, I fondly remember a smooth-edged canary yellow baby blanket of my own that I adored!

READER TIP

Elise Gibbon's knitting idea will save you needle searching time

PERFECT PARTNERS

I keep my double-pointed needles held together with a piece of paper and an elastic band. I can write the needle size on the paper in case my needle gauge has gone walkabouts!

@ Elise Gibbons

Such a brilliant idea Elise! I'm making a mental note to be just as organised.

Keep your DPNs perfectly paired up, just like Elsie

DO YOU HAVE A TIP TO SHARE?

Email simplyknitting@ourmedia.co.uk with all your top knitting tips!

★ YARN BOMBER OF THE MONTH ★

TO TOP IT ALL...

I'm part of a group of 25 ladies that form the Little Chalfont Knit & Knatter Group. "Carry on knitting" is our slogan. The social side of our group is very important as some ladies are on their own and love coming. We arrange outings, lunches and afternoon teas to bring us all together. We are currently supplying Amersham NHS Hospital with knitted garments for people leaving hospital to take home. The ladies are all creative, some very skilled at knitting and crocheting, and have thoroughly enjoyed putting together our post box toppers. It gives us great pleasure to receive comments from the villagers who are delighted to see them!

@Christine Crease

You've all been so incredibly busy, Christine! What fabulous creative work! I'm sure your community appreciates all the time and dedication you have put into brightening your area. Super well done!

No postboxes are safe from beautification in Christine's town of Little Chalford...

£25 GIFT CARD

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

*Prizes subject to change

A JUMPER FOR HUBBY

I just wanted to say how much in love we are with the Dumfries jumper from Issue 256. I loved making it and my husband (who I made it for) loves wearing it! It was his number one gift for Christmas. Many thanks for great patterns in a great magazine!

@Debbie Tinsey

Oh Debbie, it warms our hearts no end to hear that readers love to knit, gift and wear the patterns we bring to you in the magazine! We're so thrilled your husband was kept warm this winter with all your wonderful stitches. It looks fabulous!

Pattern in issue 256

Debbie's latest jumper knit was a huge hit with her husband last Christmas, and we can see why!

A huge bounty of warming knits from the Circle of Stitches group

HATS OF HOPE

My knitting group, Circle of Stitches of Ennis, Co. Clare decided that this year's Christmas project would be to knit and crochet hats, scarves and hand warmers to donate to local charities supporting homeless people. Here's some of the group and their knitwear on display in our local library. We meet Friday mornings in the Glor theatre.

@Mary Cosgrove

It has been a chilly winter, Mary. I'm sure all your knits have been so welcomely received. Well done!

COUNT THE DAYS

Here's my Advent Christmas blanket from your magazine. The blanket was easy to knit, the charts were very clear to follow, and it will be very popular with my grandchildren. I will definitely be knitting more of these through the year. I'm sure my blanket will keep them cosy when they wrap it around themselves, as every stitch is a hug from me!

@Susan Gellatly

You're 100% right Susan, everything we knit and gift is filled with love for those closest to us. Your brilliantly knitted blanket will forever be a reminder of how much you love your grandchildren.

Pattern in issues 255-257

Christmas 2025 will be especially cosy for Susan's grandchildren

SAY HELLO!

We love hearing from our readers so don't delay, pop up a post on Facebook, tag us on Instagram, follow us on Pinterest, add to our Ravelry Finished Projects Board, drop us an email or post us a letter! Here are all the details you need:

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TRY A NEW *stitch!*

ALL WARMED UP

Combine a quartet of colours in the most magical way, with this interlaced wrap by **Jacinta Bowie**

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ World of Wool Isle Aran (80% Shetland wool, 20% Bluefaced Leicester wool, 100g/175m)
  2 balls of
  Yarn A Skerries (IY20)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn B Lamba (IY6)
  Yarn D Saxa Vord (IY14)
  2 balls of
  Yarn C Scalloway (IY19)
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A 5mm circular needle, 120cm

TENSION

20 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over main pattern using 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Full length 195cm (76¾in)
Width, including loop fringe 36.5cm (14¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

K1w3 (knit a stitch wrapping yarn 3 times) Insert needle into next st on left-hand needle as if to knit, wrap yarn 3 times around right needle tip and pull through st so there are 3 loops of yarn on right needle. In foll row the stitch is slipped and extra wraps are dropped off the needle to create an elongated stitch
Loop stitch Insert needle into next st as if to knit, but bring the yarn towards you and make a loop around left thumb, bring the yarn to the back of the work and knit into the st still on the left-hand needle, slide that st onto the right-hand needle, there are now 2 sts from the one st, pass the second st (counting from the tip of the right-hand needle) over the first stitch and off the needle. Ensure the loops are not longer than 2.5cm deep relaxed so you have enough yarn for the project. If the loops are too long you may need more yarn

For a full list see page 77

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WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ **For yarn stockists contact World of Wool on 03300 564888 or visit www.worldofwool.co.uk**

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **No Frills Knitting** 0794 229 1289 or www.nofrillsknitting.co.uk
- ☐ **Baa!** 07751 442645 or www.baawool.co.uk

WEAVE-EFFECT WRAP

WRAP

Cast on 63 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn A, knit to end.
Row 2 (WS) Using Yarn A, K3, K1w3, *K7, K1w3; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 3 Using Yarn B, K3, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps off needle, *K7, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps off needle; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 4 Using Yarn B, P3, sl1 wyif, *P7, sl1 wyif; rep from * rep to last 3 sts, P3.
Row 5 Using Yarn C, K3, sl1 wyib, *K7, sl1 wyib; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 6 Using Yarn C, *K3, sl1 wyif, K3, K1w3; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.
Row 7 Using Yarn B, *K3, sl1 wyib, K3, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.
Row 8 Using Yarn B, P3, *sl1 wyif, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 9 Using Yarn A, K7, *sl1 wyib, K7; rep from * to end.
Row 10 Using Yarn A, *K3, K1w3, K3, sl1 wyif; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, K1w3, K3.
Row 11 Using Yarn D, *K3, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps, K3, sl1 wyib; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.
Row 12 Using Yarn D, P3, *sl1 wyif, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 13 Using Yarn C, K3, sl1 wyib, *K7, sl1 wyib; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 14 Using Yarn C, *K3, sl1 wyif, K3, K1w3; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.
Row 15 Using Yarn D, *K3, sl1 wyib, K3, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.
Row 16 Using Yarn D, P3, *sl1 wyif, P3; rep from * to end.
Row 17 Using Yarn A, K7, *sl1 wyib, K7; rep from * to end.
Row 18 Using Yarn A, *K3, K1w3, K3, sl1 wyif; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, K1w3, K3.
Row 19 Using Yarn B, *K3, sl1 wyib dropping extra wraps, K3, sl1 wyib; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, sl1 wyib, K3.

"The weaved nature of this wrap makes it super scrumptiously warm and cosy. It's perfect for coats you may want to leave open during the colder months."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

WEAVE-EFFECT WRAP

Row 20 Using Yarn B, P3, *sl1 wyif, P3; rep from * to end.
Rows 5 to 20 form patt and are repeated.

Rep Rows 5 to 20 a further 34 times, then rep Rows 5 to 8 only once more.

FIRST HEM TRIM

Using Yarn A, knit 4 rows.
Row 1 (RS) Using Yarn A, *loop stitch; rep from * to end.
***Row 2** Using Yarn A, knit to end.
Row 3 Using Yarn C, *loop stitch; rep from * to end.
Cast off knitwise using Yarn C.

SECOND HEM TRIM

With WS facing, using 5mm needles, without using any yarn, pick up 1 loop per cast-on st onto needle, turn. [63 sts]
Row 1 (RS) Join Yarn A, *K1, slip st back onto LH needle, loop stitch; rep from * to end.
Work as given for first hem trim from ***.

SIDE TRIM

With RS facing, using 5mm circular needle and Yarn A, starting at cast-on edge pick up and knit 1 st every 2 rows along the edge of work to cast-off edge, making sure to end with an even number of sts. Break off yarn leaving a tail to weave in.
Rejoin yarn at the other end of circular needle so RS is still facing.
Next row (RS) *Loop stitch in Yarn A, loop stitch in Yarn C; rep from * to end.
Cast off knitwise using Yarn C.
Repeat for other side working with RS facining, starting at cast-off edge and ending at cast-on edge.

FINISHING

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

KEEP LOOPS CONSISTENT

To keep your loops even, wrap the yarn around a finger or a small dowel instead of just your thumb. This helps maintain a uniform loop length and prevents variations that can make your fabric look uneven. If your loops turn out too loose or tight, adjust your tension or try wrapping around a thicker/thinner object to control the size.

Lend a hand

Cast on a copyright-free knit, sell them for good causes and discover a passion for fundraising with our charity focus

TURN to page 20 for great reader stories!

Charity of the MONTH

We spoke to Louise Brown, Social Media and Communications Officer, at Tiggywinkles

Charity name Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital Foundation

Job title Social Media and Communications Officer

Established 1978

About Tiggywinkles Tiggywinkles is a specialist hospital dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of all British wildlife. Thanks to donations, we are a free service. Since opening our doors over 300,000 patients have received treatment at Tiggywinkles. On our busiest day we can have over 1,600 patients on site!

All British wild animal casualties brought to the hospital are treated completely free of charge and are released through a controlled programme, back to the wild, when they are fully fit. Any animal or bird unable to be released back to the wild is maintained at the hospital, where they can live out their lives in as natural conditions as possible. Veterinary treatment is carried out by an amazing team of highly trained wildlife and veterinary nurses and specialist consultant veterinary surgeons. This enables us to give our patients groundbreaking treatment and the best possible care.

What do you do? In my role as Social Media and Communications officer I manage our social media accounts, newsletter and website. I have a wonderful job because I get a front row seat to all the incredible animals we treat and the lifesaving work we do here, and I get to share it with all our followers and members.

What can readers do to help? You can find plenty of ways to help out Tiggywinkles on our website which include donating if you are able to, buying Christmas gifts from our online shop, popping along to our visitor centre, and taking any sick or injured animals to your nearest rescue centre.

Contact details Call 01844 292292 or email mail@tiggywinkles.org

Help British wild animals by fundraising for Tiggywinkles

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Handy fox purse

Amanda Berry's fox purse makes the perfect item to knit up quickly for your charity fundraising stalls, or to raise money for Tiggywinkles!

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m) 1 ball of each
  Yarn A Fox (779)
  Yarn B Cream (812)
  Yarn C Black (965)
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle, 40cm long
- ☐ Two 4mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ A 3.5mm crochet hook
- ☐ A wooden toggle button, 25mm
- ☐ Two domed black buttons, 11mm
- ☐ Two 24x26cm rectangles of cotton fabric
- ☐ Sewing needle and thread
- ☐ A stitch marker

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 18cm wide x 23cm tall (not including ears)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

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

FOX BAG

Note Unless otherwise specified, use the longtail cast on for all pieces, and mattress stitch to sew the seams. The body of the bag is worked in the round on a circular needle, and the flap is worked flat (back and forth) on the circular needle or a pair of single-pointed needles if you prefer. The strap is i-cord worked on a circular needle, or you can use two DPNs. The lining is sewn into the bag by hand; a sewing machine is not required for this project. Before you begin, roll an extra ball of each yarn for working the flap and ears.

BAG

Cast on 80 sts using 4mm circular needles, 40cm long and Yarn A. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of round. Start at the bottom edge.

Round 1 Knit.

Rep Round 1 until piece meas 25cm long.

Next round Cast off 40 sts, knit to end. [40 sts]

Work the flap on these 40 sts flat (back and forth) on the 4mm circular needle.

Rows 1 to 27 Beg with a WS purl row work 27 rows in st st.

If you're thinking of knitting projects for charity, or to sell, please refer to our information on page 81.

Work Intarsia colourwork using Yarn A and Yarn B as follows, joining in the second ball of Yarn B when necessary:
Row 28 K2B, K36A, K2B.
Row 29 P4B, P32A, P4B.
Row 30 K6B, K28A, K6B.
Row 31 P8B, P24A, P8B.
Row 32 K10B, K20A, K10B.
Row 33 P12B, P16A, P12B.
Row 34 K14B, K12A, K14B.
Row 35 P16B, P8A, P16B.
Row 36 K18B, K4A, K18B.

Break Yarn A and work the rem rows in Yarn B.
Rows 37 to 39 Beg with a WS purl row work 3 rows in st st.
Row 40 K1, sk2po, knit to last 4 sts, k3tog, K1. [4 sts dec'd]
Row 41 Purl.
Rows 42 to 55 Rep Rows 40 to 41 another 7 times. [8 sts]
Row 56 K1, sk2po, k3tog, K1. [4 sts]
Cast off in purl.

FLAP LINING (MAKE 1)

Cast on 40 sts using 4mm circular needles (40cm long) and Yarn B.
Work flat (back and forth) on the circular needle.
Rows 1 to 43 Beg on a WS purl row work 43 rows in st st.
Rows 44 to 60 Follow the Bag patt Rows 40 to 56. [4 sts]
Cast off in purl.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 26 sts using 4mm DPNs and Yarn A.
Work flat (back and forth) on the DPNs.
Rows 1 to 3 Beg with a WS purl row work 3 rows in st st.
Work Intarsia colourwork using Yarn A and Yarn B as follows, joining in the second ball of Yarn A when necessary:
Row 4 K7A, K12B, K7A.
Row 5 P7A, P12B, P7A.
Rows 6 to 7 Rep Rows 4 to 5.
Row 8 K5A, k2togA, sskB, K8B, k2togB, sskA, K5A. [22 sts]
Row 9 P6A, P10B, P6A.
Row 10 K6A, K10B, K6A.

Break Yarn A and join in second ball of Yarn C when necessary.
Row 11 P6C, P10B, P6C.
Row 12 K4C, k2togC, sskB, K6B, k2togB, sskC, K4C. [18 sts]
Row 13 P5C, P8B, P5C.
Row 14 K5C, K8B, K5C.
Row 15 Rep Row 13.
Row 16 K3C, k2togC, sskB, K4B, k2togB, sskC, K3C. [14 sts]
Row 17 P4C, P6B, P4C.
Row 18 K2C, k2togC, sskB, K2B, k2togB, sskC, K2C. [10 sts]
Row 19 P3C, P4B, P3C.
Row 20 K1C, k2togC, sskB, k2togB, sskC, K1C. [6 sts]

Break Yarn B and work rem rows in Yarn C.
Row 21 Purl.
Row 22 K1, ssk, k2tog, K1. [4 sts]
Break yarn leaving 30cm tail and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

NOSE (MAKE 1)

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm DPNs and Yarn C.
Work flat (back and forth) on the DPNs.
Rows 1 to 3 Knit.
Row 4 K1, k2tog, K2, k2tog, K1. [6 sts]
Row 5 Knit.
Row 6 K1, (k2tog) twice, K1. [4 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Break yarn leaving 30cm tail and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

STRAP (MAKE 1)

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm DPNs and Yarn A.
*Knit 5 sts, slide to other end of needle without turning work; rep from * until i-cord measures 95cm (or desired length).
Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Block gently, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.
2 Sew bottom edge of Bag together.
3 Sew Nose onto the bag flap with cast-on edge at the top, and sew on buttons for eyes.
4 Sew flap lining to flap of Bag (note that the lining is slightly longer than the outer flap).
5 Sew side edges of Ear together (this seam runs down the centre back of the ear), and sew the cast-on edge onto the top of the flap.
6 Sew each end of the Strap onto the sides of the Bag.
7 For the lining, cut 2 rectangles of cotton fabric 24cm wide x 26cm tall. Sew the two rectangles together with a 1.5cm seam allowance, with RS facing along the two long side edges and one bottom short edge to make a pocket. Fold down the top 2.5cm hem and press.
8 Place the lining inside the Bag and use a blind hem stitch and cotton thread to sew the top of the lining onto the Bag.
9 Using 3.5mm crochet hook, crochet a single chain 9cm long for the toggle loop. Sew toggle loop onto the flap lining, and sew a toggle button onto the front of the Bag.
10 Weave in all ends.

Perfect *your* Fair Isle!

LUCKY DUCKS

Brighten their wardrobe with this fun, cosy and timeless duckling Fair Isle jumper. By **Sophie Jordan**

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TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Pure DK (100% wool, 50g/112m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 3 (3: 3: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4) buttons, 20mm diameter
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

WHERE TO BUY

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

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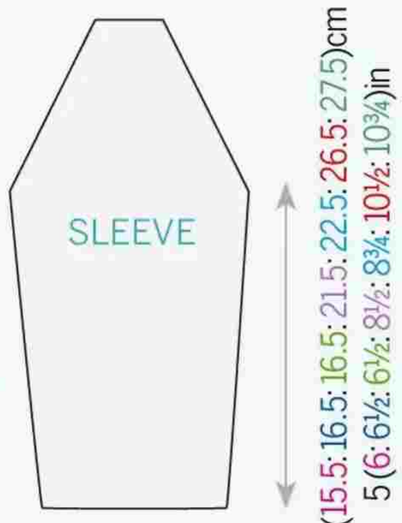

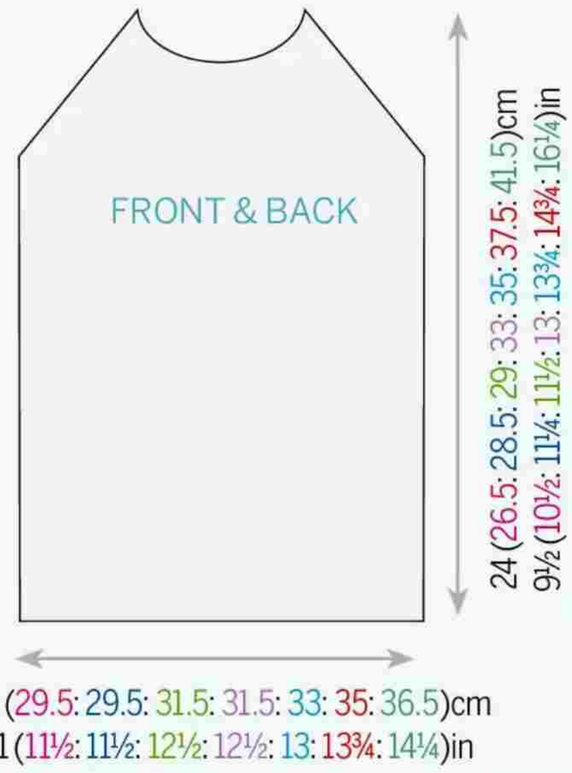

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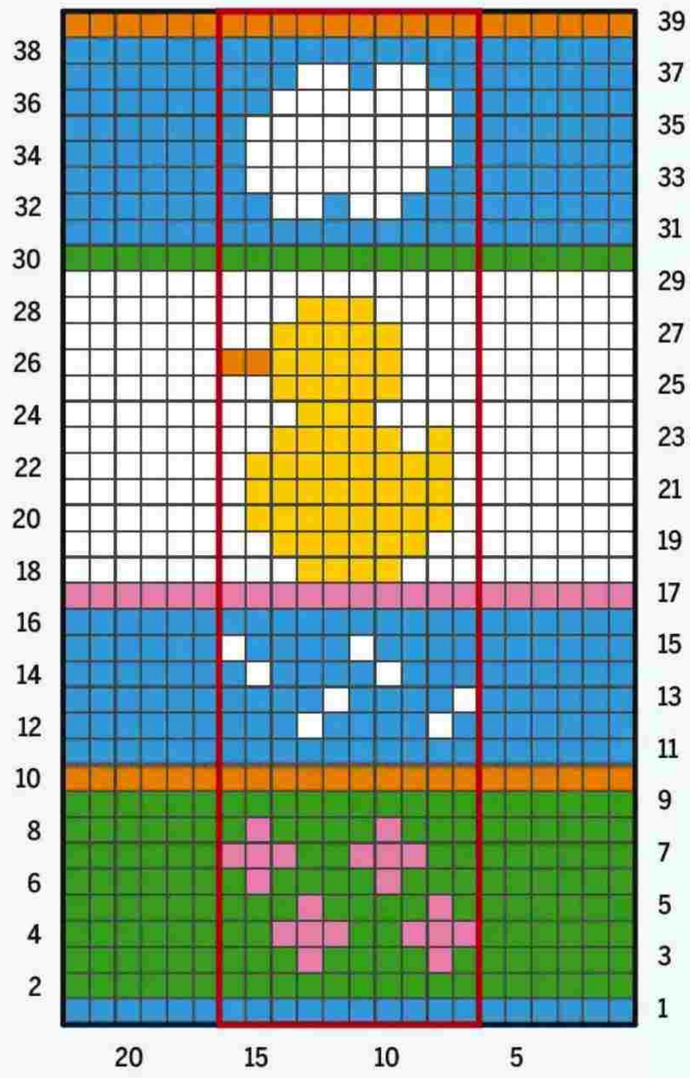

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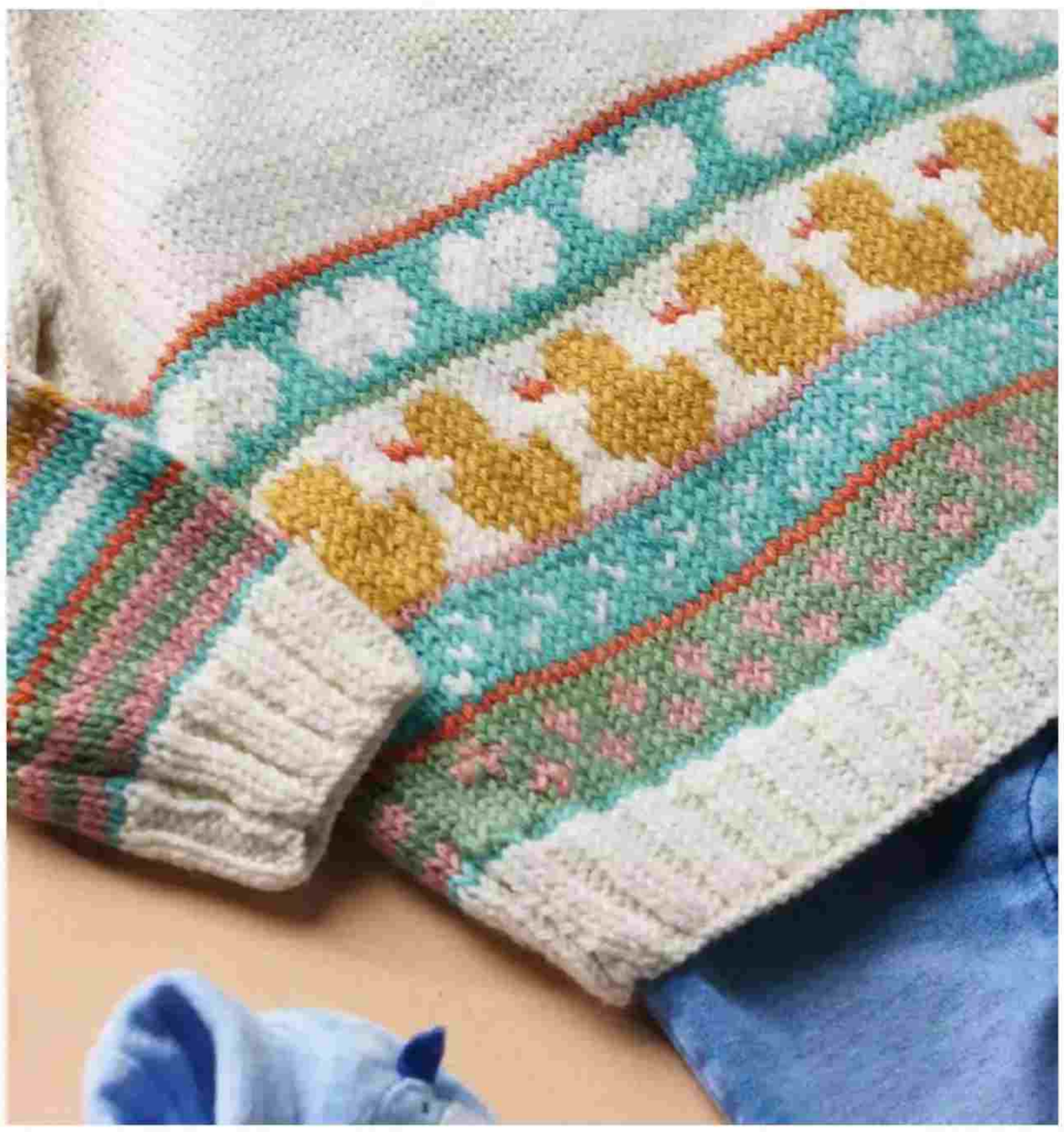
- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F
- Repeat

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



KIDS' JUMPER
STRIPE PATTERN

The same 41-row stripe pattern is used on the Back and Sleeves.
1 row in Yarn B
(2 rows in Yarn D, 2 rows in Yarn C) twice
1 row in Yarn E
2 rows in Yarn B
2 rows in Yarn A
2 rows in Yarn B
1 row in Yarn D
(2 rows in Yarn F, 2 rows in Yarn A) 3 times
1 row in Yarn C
(2 rows in Yarn A, 2 rows in Yarn B) twice
2 rows in Yarn A
1 row in Yarn E.

BACK

Cast on 66 (70: 70: 74: 74: 78: 82: 86) sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) *K2, P2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2 (WS) *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.
Rep last 2 rows until piece meas 3.5cm.**

Change to 4mm needles.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		3m	6m	9m	12m	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	6yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	44.5	46.5	47.5	49	51.5	53	57.5	60
	in	17½	18¼	18¾	19¼	20¼	20¾	22¾	23½
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	55.5	59	59	62.5	62.5	66	69.5	73
	in	21¾	23¼	23¼	24½	24½	26	27¼	28¾
LENGTH	cm	24	26.5	28.5	29	33	35	37.5	41.5
	in	9½	10½	11¼	11½	13	13¾	14¾	16¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	13	15.5	16.5	16.5	21.5	22.5	26.5	27.5
	in	5	6	6½	6½	8½	8¾	10½	10¾
YARN		**West Yorkshire Spinners Pure DK (50g/112m)**							
Yarn A Natural (010)		2	2	2	2	2	2	3	3
Yarn B Duck Egg (1074)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn C Rosemary (381)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn D Blush (287)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn E Ginger (1073)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Yarn F Dandelion (446)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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

"Do you know a little one with a spring birthday? Keep them cosy warm in this 100% wool jumper, decorated with cute ducklings, flowers and clouds."

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Beg with a RS knit row work the 41-row Stripe Pattern in full.
Break Yarns B, C, D, E and F, and continue in Yarn A only until Back measures 14 (16: 17: 17.5: 20: 21.5: 23: 26)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

RAGLAN SHAPING

Cast off 2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
[62 (66: 66: 70: 70: 74: 76: 80) sts]
Next row (RS) K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec]
Next row Purl.
Repeat these 2 rows until you have 40 (44: 38: 44: 42: 40: 44: 46) sts remaining, ending after a WS row.

SIZES 3M, 6M AND 12M ONLY

Next row (RS) K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [2 sts dec]
Rep last 2 rows another 0 (1: -: 0: -: -: -: -) times.
[36 (36: -: 40: -: -: -: -) sts]

SIZES 2YRS, 5YRS AND 6YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Knit.
Next row Purl.
Next row K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec]
[- (-: -: -: 40: -: 42: 44) sts]
Next row Purl.

ALL SIZES

BACK NECK SHAPING

Next row (RS) K2, ssk, K5 (5: 6: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7), place these 8 (8: 9: 9: 9: 9: 10: 10) sts just worked on a holder, **cast off** 18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 20: 20: 22) sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
[8 (8: 9: 9: 9: 9: 10: 10) sts]

You will now work the left shoulder and neck over these sts.
Next row Purl.
Next row Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) sts, K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cast off rem sts.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to held sts for right shoulder.
Next row Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5) sts, purl to end. [5 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cast off rem sts.

FRONT

Knit as for Back until **.
Change to 4mm needles.

Beg with a RS knit row and starting on st 4 (2: 2: 5: 5: 3: 1: 4) and ending on st 19 (21: 21: 18: 18: 20: 22: 19) work Rows 1 to 39 of Chart, working 10-st repeat 6 (6: 6: 7: 7: 7: 7: 8) times.
Break Yarns B, C, D, E and F, and continue in Yarn A only until Front measures 14 (16: 17: 17.5: 20: 21.5: 23: 26)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

RAGLAN SHAPING

Cast off 2 (2: 2: 2: 2: 2: 3: 3) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
[62 (66: 66: 70: 70: 74: 76: 80) sts]
Next row K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Purl.
Repeat these 2 rows until you have 42 (44: 42: 48: 44: 46: 46: 48)

sts remaining, ending after a WS row.

FRONT NECK SHAPING

Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, K10 (11: 9: 12: 10: 11: 10: 10), place these 13 (14: 12: 15: 13: 14: 13: 13) sts just worked on a holder, **cast off** 14 (14: 16: 16: 16: 16: 18: 20) sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
[13 (14: 12: 15: 13: 14: 13: 13) sts]

You will now shape the right front neck and shoulder on these sts.

RIGHT FRONT NECK AND SHOULDER

Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Cast off 2 sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [3 sts dec'd]

SIZE 3M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows once more. [7 sts]
Next row (WS) P2, p2tog tbl, purl to end. [6 sts]
Next row Cast off 1 st, K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl. [3 sts]

SIZE 6M ONLY

Next row (WS) P2, p2tog tbl, purl to end. [10 sts]
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl, purl to end. [6 sts]
Next row Cast off 1 st, K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl. [3 sts]

SIZE 9M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows once more. [6 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row Cast off 1 st, K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl. [3 sts]

SIZE 12M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [6 sts]
Next row (WS) P2, p2tog tbl, P2. [5 sts]
Next row K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl. [3 sts]

SIZES 2YRS, 5YRS AND 6YRS ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [4 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row K2tog, K2. [3 sts]
Next row Purl.

SIZE 3YRS ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [5 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row K1, k2tog, K2. [4 sts]
Next row P2, p2tog tbl. [3 sts]

ALL SIZES

Cast off rem 3 sts.

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to 13 (14: 12: 15: 13: 14: 13: 13) sts on holder for left neck and shoulder.
Row 1 (WS) **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to end. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 2 K2, ssk, knit to end. [1 st dec'd]

SIZE 3M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows once more. [7 sts]
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 1 st, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [5 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row P2tog, P2. [3 sts]

SIZE 6M ONLY

Next row (WS) **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [8 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, knit to end. [7 sts]
Next row Cast off 1 st, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [5 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row P2tog, P2. [3 sts]

SIZE 9M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows once more. [6 sts]
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 1 st, purl to end. [5 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row P2tog, P2. [3 sts]

SIZE 12M ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [6 sts]
Next row (WS) P2, P2tog, P2. [5 sts]
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row P2tog, P2. [3 sts]

SIZES 2YRS, 5YRS AND 6YRS ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [4 sts]
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row K2, ssk. [3 sts]
Next row Purl.

SIZE 3YRS ONLY

Rep last 2 rows twice more. [5 sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row K2, ssk, K1. [4 sts]
Next row P2tog, P2. [3 sts]

ALL SIZES
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)
Cast on 36 (36: 40: 40: 40: 44: 44: 44) sts using 3.5mm needles.
Row 1 *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
Continue working straight in K2, P2 rib as set by Row 1 until piece meas 3 (3: 3: 3: 3.5: 3.5: 3.5: 3.5)cm.

Change to 4mm needles.
Work 6 (6: 8: 6: 10: 16: 12: 10) rows in Stripe Pattern.
Working Stripe Pattern as set until all 41 rows are complete, then cont in Yarn A only, shape Sleeves as follows:
Inc row (RS) K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Rep inc row on 2 (3: 2: 3: 3: 2: 3: 4) foll 6th (6th: 8th: 6th: 8th: 12th: 12th: 10th) rows. [42 (44: 46: 48: 48: 50: 52: 54) sts]

Work straight until Sleeve meas 13 (15.5: 16.5: 16.5: 21.5: 22.5: 26.5: 27.5)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

RAGLAN SHAPING
Cast off 2 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
[38 (40: 42: 44: 44: 46: 48: 50) sts]
Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 2 Purl.
Repeat the last 2 rows another 11 (12: 13: 13: 17: 18: 17: 18) times.
[14 (14: 14: 16: 8: 8: 12: 12) sts]

SIZES 3M, 6M, 9M AND 12M ONLY
Row 1 (RS) K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 2 K2, p2tog tbl, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, P2. [2 sts dec'd]
Rep last 2 rows once more. [6 (6: 6: 8: -: -: -: -) sts]

SIZES 5YRS AND 6YRS ONLY
Dec as set on 3rd row, then purl 1 row. [- (-: -: -: -: -: 10: 10) sts]

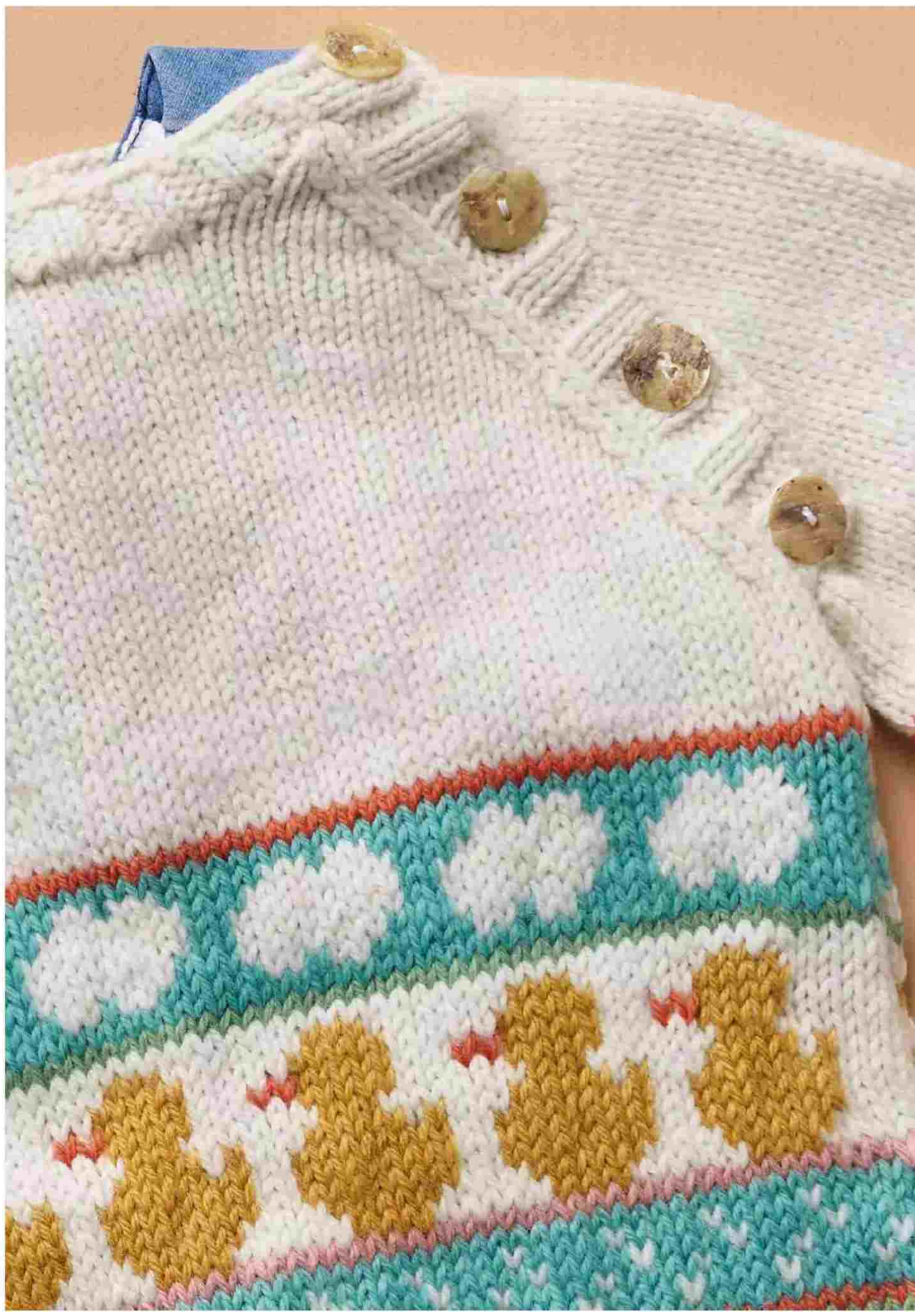
ALL SIZES
Cast off rem 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts.

NECKBAND
Part make up the jumper by sewing the Back and Front raglan edges to the Sleeve raglan edges, leaving the Front left raglan unsewn (this is where the Button Band will be inserted).

Starting from Front left raglan seam, using 3.5mm needles and with RS facing, pick up and knit 8 (8: 8: 8: 10: 10: 10: 10) sts down front neck shaping, 14 (14: 16: 16: 16: 16: 18: 20) sts across Front Neck **cast off**, 8 (8: 8: 8: 10: 10: 10: 10) sts up Front neck shaping, 3 sts at top of Front raglan, 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts across top of Sleeve, 22 (22: 24: 24: 24: 24: 26: 28) sts across Back neck, 6 (6: 6: 8: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts across top of Sleeve, and 3 sts at top of Front raglan.
[70 (70: 74: 78: 82: 82: 90: 94) sts]

Work the neckband flat (do not join to work in the round).
Row 1 (WS) *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.
Row 2 *K2, P2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Rep last 2 rows another 3 times, then work Row 1 once more.
Cast off.

BUTTONHOLE BAND
With WS facing, using 3.5mm needles and incorporating the collar



edge, pick up and knit 26 (26: 30: 30: 30: 34: 34: 38) sts down the Front left raglan seam.
Row 1 (RS) *K2, P2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2 *P2, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.

SIZES 3M AND 6M ONLY
Row 3 (Buttonhole row) Rib 2, yo, k2tog, (rib 8, yo, k2tog) twice, K2.

SIZES 9M, 12M AND 2YRS ONLY
Row 3 (Buttonhole row) Rib 2, yo, k2tog, (rib 10, yo, k2tog) twice, K2.

SIZES 3YRS AND 5YRS ONLY
Row 3 (Buttonhole row) Rib 2, yo, k2tog, (rib 8, yo, k2tog) three times.

SIZE 6YRS ONLY
Row 3 (Buttonhole row) Rib 2, yo, k2tog, (rib 8, yo, k2tog) three times, P2, K2.

ALL SIZES
Work in K2, P2 rib for 3 more rows.
Cast off.

MAKING UP
Sew side and underarm seams. Sew buttons on the sleeve, opposite buttonholes. Weave in all ends. Wash and block according to ball band instructions.

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Subtle Drifter DK (6% wool, 25% cotton, 69% premium acrylic, 100g/300m)
- ☐ King Cole Fjord DK (100% anti-pilling acrylic, 100g/250m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Set of four 3.25mm needles
- ☐ 2 stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

M1K(P) Pick up and knit (purl) into back of horizontal strand lying before next st

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SHOP LOCAL!
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MEN'S JUMPER

BACK

Cast on 95 (107: 117: 129: 139: 151) sts evenly using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) K2, (P1, K1) to last st, K1.
Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) to end.
Rep these 2 rib rows for 6cm, ending after Row 1.
Next row (WS) P5 (8: 9: 8: 10: 12), [M1P, P12 (13: 14: 16: 17: 18)] 7 times, M1P, P6 (8: 10: 9: 10: 13). [103 (115: 125: 137: 147: 159) sts]

Change to 4mm needles. Break Yarn A and join in Yarn B. Twist yarn on WS when changing colour.**
Row 1 (RS) K48 (53: 58: 64: 70: 76) in Yarn B, K55 (62: 67: 73: 77: 83) in Yarn A.
Row 2 P55 (62: 67: 73: 77: 83) in Yarn A, P to end in Yarn B.
Row 3 K47 (52: 57: 63: 69: 75) in Yarn B, K to end in Yarn A.
Row 4 P56 (63: 68: 74: 78: 84) in Yarn A, P to end in Yarn B.

Cont in this way, working 1 st fewer in Yarn B and 1 st more in Yarn A on every K row as set on previous row until the row "P73 (80: 85: 91: 95: 101) in Yarn A, P30 (35: 40: 46: 52: 58) in Yarn B" has been worked.
Next row (RS) K31 (36: 41: 47: 53: 59) in Yarn B, K72 (79: 84: 90: 94: 100) in Yarn A.
Next row Purl using Yarn A and Yarn B as on last row.
Next row K32 (37: 42: 48: 54: 60) in Yarn B, K to end in Yarn A.
Cont in this way sloping Yarn B towards centre by 1 st on every foll RS row until the row "P46 (53: 58: 64: 68: 74) in Yarn A, P57 (62: 67: 73: 79: 85) in Yarn B" has been worked.
Break Yarn A and Yarn B. Now rejoin Yarn A.

***Beg with a RS K row, work in st st until Back measures 38 (37: 37: 37: 36: 36)cm from last row of rib, ending after a P row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Rows 1 and 2 Cast off 3 (4: 4: 4: 5: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [97 (107: 117: 129: 137: 147) sts]
Row 3 K2, k2togtbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Row 4 K1, P1, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, P1, K1.
Row 5 K2, k2togtbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Row 6 K1, P to last st, K1.

"Clever twists like the one in this modern jumper by Pat Menchini really peak our creativity. With so many gorgeous variegated yarns out there, it's easy to get excited!"

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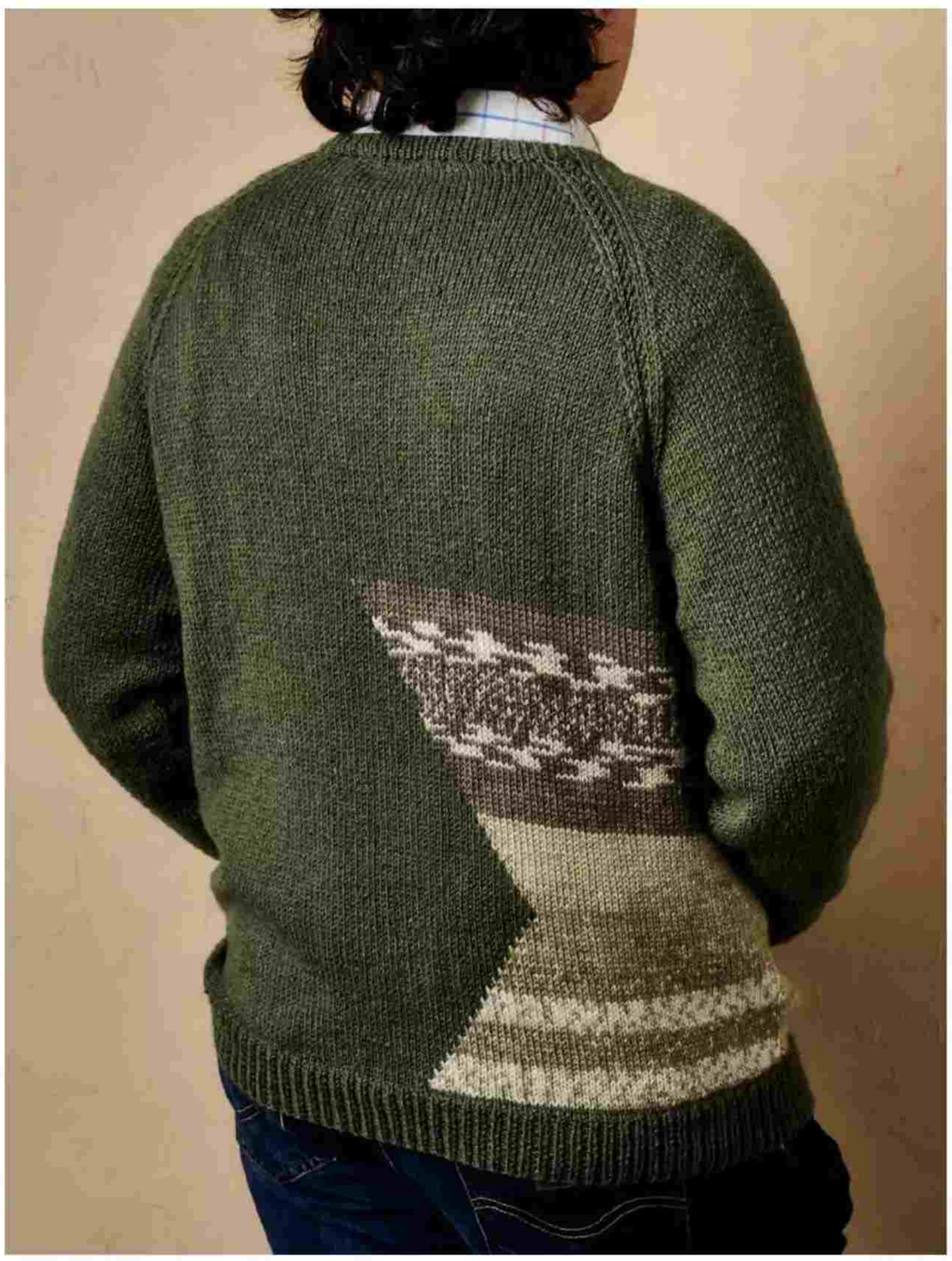

MEN'S JUMPER

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL
TO FIT CHEST	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 CHEST	cm	92	102.5	112	122.5	132	142.5
	in	36	40	44	48	52	56
LENGTH	cm	67	67.5	70	71	71.5	73
	in	26½	26¾	27½	28	28¼	29
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	46	47	48	48	49	49
	in	18	18½	19	19	19¼	19¼
YARN		**King Cole Subtle Drifter DK (100g/300m)**					
Yarn A Conifer (4396)		6	7	7	8	8	9
YARN		**King Cole Fjord DK (100g/250m)**					
Yarn B Norddal (4559)		1	1	1	1	2	2

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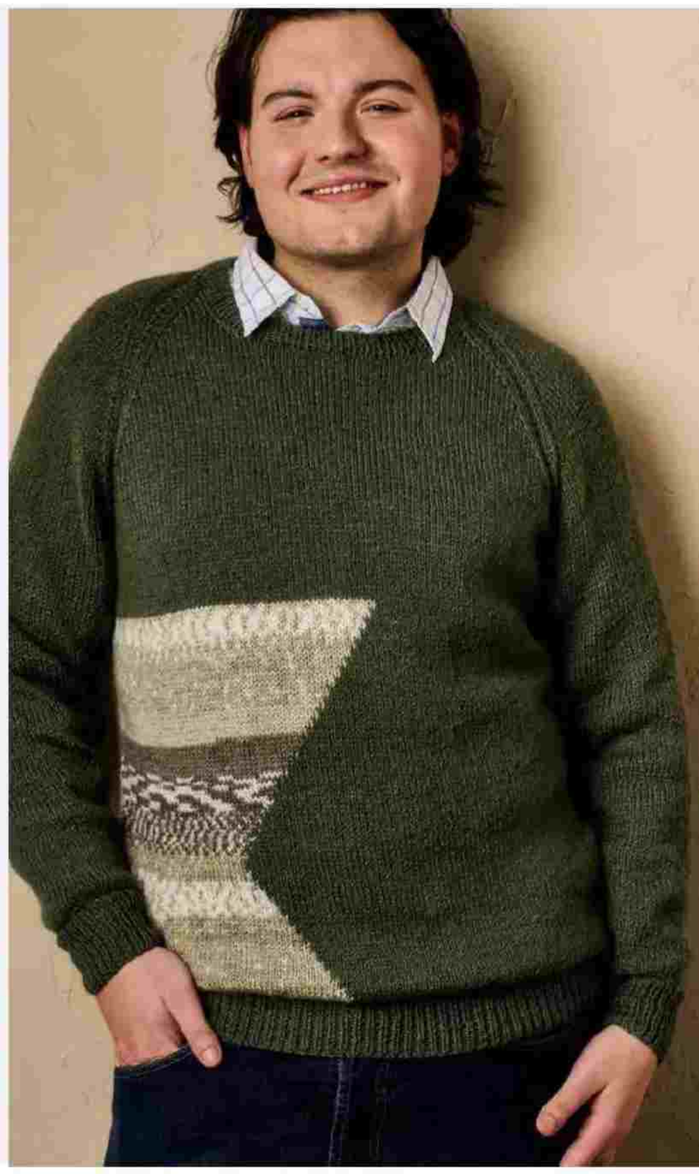


Rep the last 4 rows 2 (4: 4: 7: 7: 8) times more, ending after Row 6. [79 (77: 87: 81: 89: 93) sts]***

Now rep Rows 5 and 6 only until 33 (35: 39: 41: 45: 47) sts rem, ending after Row 6.
Slip rem sts on a stitch holder and leave.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **.

Row 1 (RS) K55 (62: 67: 73: 77: 83) in Yarn A, K48 (53: 58: 64: 70: 76) in Yarn B.
Row 2 P48 (53: 58: 64: 70: 76) in Yarn B, P to end in Yarn A.
Row 3 K56 (63: 68: 74: 78: 84) in Yarn A, K to end in Yarn B.
Row 4 P49 (54: 59: 65: 71: 77) in Yarn B, P to end in Yarn A.
Cont in this way working 1 st more in Yarn A and 1 st fewer in Yarn B until the row "P30 (35: 40: 46: 52: 58) in Yarn B, P73 (80: 85: 91: 95: 101) in Yarn A" has been worked.
Next row (RS) K72 (79: 84: 90: 94: 100) in Yarn A, K31 (36: 41: 47: 53: 59) in Yarn B.
Next row Purl using Yarn B and Yarn A as on last row.
Next row K71 (78: 83: 89: 93: 99) in Yarn A, K to end in Yarn B.
Cont in this way sloping Yarn B towards centre on every foll RS row until the row "P57 (62: 67: 73: 79: 85) in Yarn B, P46 (53: 58: 64: 68: 74) in Yarn A" has been worked.
Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn A only.

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

Now rep Rows 5 and 6 only until 51 (55: 61: 65: 71: 73) sts rem, ending after Row 6.

SHAPE NECK

Next row (RS) K2, k2togtbl, K12 (13: 14: 15: 16: 16), turn and cont on this group of 15 (16: 17: 18: 19: 19) sts for left half of neck.
Next row P1, p2tog, P to last st, K1.
Next row K2, k2togtbl, K to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
Rep these 2 rows once more, then first of these rows again.
[8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 12) sts]
Cont dec at raglan edge only until 2 sts rem.
Work 1 row.
Cast off.

With RS facing, slip next 19 (21: 25: 27: 31: 33) sts (centre sts) on a stitch holder and leave.
Neatly rejoin Yarn A at neck edge.
Next row (RS) K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.

Next row K1, P to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, K1.
Next row K1, k2togtbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Rep the last 2 rows once, then first of these 2 rows again.
[8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 12) sts]
Complete as for left half of neck.

SLEEVES

Cast on 43 (45: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts with 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Work in rib as at commencement of Back for 7cm, ending after Row 1.
Next row (WS) P1, (M1P, P (10: 11: 11: 12: 12: 13), M1P) 3 times, P 11 (10: 12: 11: 13: 12), M1P, P1. [48 (50: 52: 54: 56: 58) sts]
Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a RS K row and work 2 (2: 2: 4: 2: 2) rows in st st.
Next row (RS, inc row) K2, M1K, K to last 2 sts, M1K, K2.
Cont in st st working inc row on every foll 6th (6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row until there are 56 (64: 78: 60: 62: 76) sts, then on every foll 8th (8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are 76 (80: 86: 90: 94: 100) sts.
Work a few rows straight until Sleeve measures 46 (47: 48: 48: 49: 49)cm from cast-on edge, measured through centre of work and ending after a P row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Cast off 3 (4: 4: 4: 5: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[70 (72: 78: 82: 84: 88) sts]

SIZES S, M, L AND 1XL ONLY

Row 3 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Row 4 K1, P1, p2tog, P to last 4 sts, p2tog tbl, P1, K1.
Row 5 K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Row 6 K1, P to last st, K1.
Rep the last 4 rows 1 (0: 0: 0: - : -) times more, ending after Row 6.
[58 (66: 72: 76: -: -) sts]

SIZE 3XL ONLY

Next row (RS) Knit.
Next row K1, P to last st, K1.

ALL SIZES

[58 (66: 72: 76: 84: 88) sts]

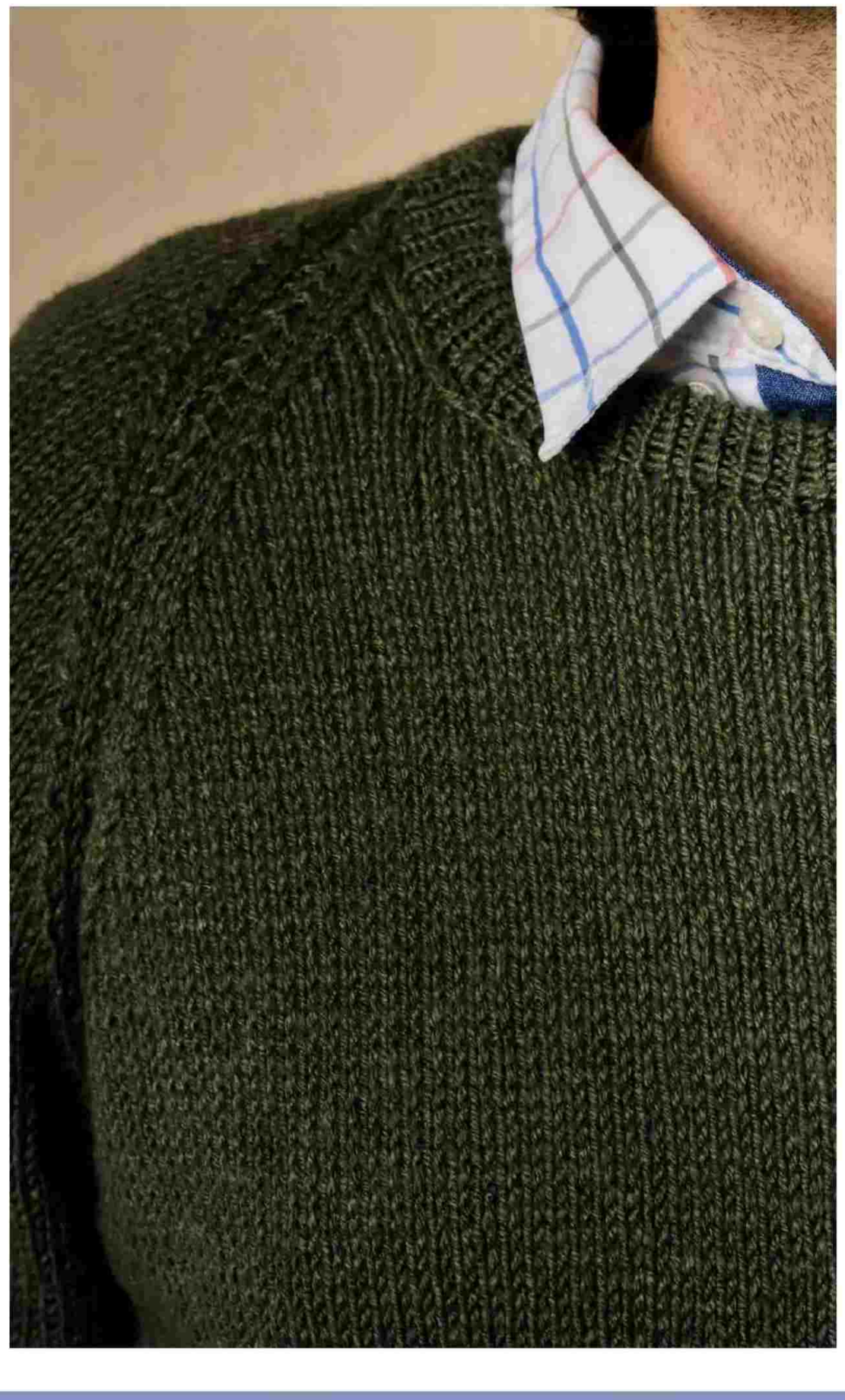
Next row (RS) K2, k2tog tbl, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2.
Next row K1, P to last st, K1.
Rep the last 2 rows until 8 sts rem, ending after a WS row.
Slip sts on a short length of yarn and leave.

NECKBAND

Join raglan shapings using a flat seam.
With set of four 3.25mm DPNs, RS facing and Yarn A, K across 33 (35: 39: 41: 45: 47) sts from back holder, K8 from left Sleeve, pick up and K14 (15: 16: 18: 19: 19) sts evenly down left edge of neck, K across 19 (21: 25: 27: 31: 33) sts from Front holder, pick up and K14 (15: 16: 18: 19: 19) sts evenly up right edge of neck, finally K8 from right Sleeve. [96 (102: 112: 120: 130: 134) sts]
Work 14 rounds in K1, P1 rib.
Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP

Fold Neckband in half to WS and hem in place. Join side and Sleeve seams using a flat seam for rib and mattress stitch elsewhere.



STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE

1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.

2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.

3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.

4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will now have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.

JAMES C BRETT SCANDI ARAN

You'll love the 20% wool content of this gorgeous yarn from James C Brett. Scandi Aran is a self-patterning yarn that adds a Scandinavian vibe to your chosen knits. The effect is reminiscent of Fair Isle, but this version is modern, creating colour contrasts that are pleasingly abstract. Scandi Aran comes in 150g balls and eight different colourways, including Christmas Cheer!

RRP £5.65 **WEIGHT** Aran
BALL 150g/292m **NEEDLE** 5mm
CONTENT 80% acrylic, 20% wool
CARE Machine wash 30°C
www.jamescbrett.co.uk

CYGNET MARL DK

If you're a fan of that vintage marl effect then you might want to take a look at Cygnet's latest yarn. Marl DK knits up into a fabric that's speckled all over. Perfect for simple crew neck jumpers and cardigans, winter accessories and more, it comes in a range of six primary-leaning colours, including perky Poppy Red and Mustard Pot. It's a limited edition though, so if you fancy trying it out pop to the shops now!

RRP £2.59 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/282m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C
www.cygnetyarns.com

HOBBII JADE

New yarn Jade's most alluring feature is its wonderfully soft halo. This fluffy feature lends itself well to any knitting project, from garments and accessories to home wares and toys. Budget watchers will be pleased to hear there's 300 meters of soft knitting to be done, meaning you'll only need one ball for many smaller projects. Snug and cosy, it's primarily a winter yarn, but the sweet-shop colour palette leans into warm seasons too.

RRP £7 **WEIGHT** Aran **BALL** 100g/300m **NEEDLE** 5mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C hand wash cycle
www.hobbii.co.uk

Magical mauve

The latest yarns have everything from art-inspired, self-striping and marl-effect colour to Himalayan nettle composition!

WOVEN BEYOND EDELWEISS

Luxe and intriguing, Edelweiss is a blown chain yarn made from Merino D'Arles wool, a type that comes with a strong crimp, is spun looser and has a puffier look and feel. Here it's paired with sustainable Himalayan nettle, a fibre which naturally adds a strong stretch and longevity to yarns. This yarn is currently available as samples in a trio of colours.

RRP £12 **WEIGHT** Aran **BALL** 50g/100m **NEEDLE** 5.5/6mm **CONTENT** 70% Merino D'Arles wool, 30% Himalayan nettle **CARE** Hand wash and dry flat
www.wovenbeyond.com

YARNSMITHS ELVIS DK

You'll get a whopping 540 meters of yarn when you choose Yarnsmith's new offering, Elvis. Created to knit into wide stripes of multiple colours, it's a sassy, vibrant way to create everyday garments, accessories and so much more. With its 100% acrylic composition, you can pop it in the washing machine with ease, and its 20-shade colour range means there's something for everyone.

RRP £7.20 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 150g/540m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C mild
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

STYLECRAFT IMPRESSIONS ARAN

Taking its inspiration from the impressionist artists of the past, Stylecraft's exciting yarn delivers sophisticated colour to your knits. The yarn has a smooth, silky feel and each ball is a soft combination of stripes and daubs. It comes in a range of 12 colourways, allowing you to use your knitting needles to 'paint' Renoir's skies and Manet's waterways.

RRP £4.19 **WEIGHT** Aran **BALL** 100g/220m **NEEDLE** 4.5mm **CONTENT** 100% acrylic **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, cool tumble dry
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

PERUVIAN PAL

Knit your own llama toy using soft, fluffy yarn, complete with charming hat and scarf. He's perfect for cosy cuddles. By **Claire Fairall**

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Cuddles Chunky (100% polyester, 50g/125m)
  1 ball of **Yarn A** White (350)
- ☐ King Cole Dollymix DK (100% acrylic, 25g/73m)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn B Taupe (037)
  Yarn C Natural (046)
  Yarn D Surf (143)
  Yarn E Candy (040)
  Yarn F Lime (071)
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holder
- ☐ Locking stitch markers
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ A pair of black safety eyes, 10mm diameter
- ☐ Oddment of black DK yarn
- ☐ Tiny pompom maker or dinner fork

TENSION

15 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 5mm needles and Yarn A

MEASUREMENTS

30cm (11¾in) tall

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

☐ **Wool Warehouse**
0800 505 3300 or www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

☐ **Delta Wool Shop**
www.deltawoolshop.co.uk

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

"The yarn used to knit this gorgeous llama is the softest and squishiest I've ever felt. It might not be the easiest to knit with, but it knits into a fab, tactile toy for little ones."

CAMILLA OWEN, DESIGNER

LLAMA TOY

BODY AND LEGS

Start at neck.
Cast on 16 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 16 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 17 (RS) (K1, kfb) 8 times. [24 sts]
Rows 18 to 30 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 31 (K3, kfb) 6 times. [30 sts]
Rows 32 to 42 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 43 K15, turn leaving rem 15 sts on hold. [15 sts]

FIRST LEG

****Rows 44 to 50** Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st. [15 sts]

Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Rows 51 to 57 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Rows 58 to 59 Knit.
Row 60 (K1, k2tog) 5 times. [10 sts]
Row 61 Knit.

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

SECOND LEG

Complete as given for First Leg from **.

ARMS (MAKE 2)

Start at shoulder.
Cast on 15 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 14 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Rows 15 to 19 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Rows 20 to 21 Knit.
Row 22 (RS) (K1, k2tog) 5 times. [10 sts]
Row 23 Knit.
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

HEAD

Start at back.
Cast on 9 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 8 times, K1. [17 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (K1, kfb) 8 times, K1. [25 sts]
Rows 4 to 12 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Break Yarn A and join Yarn C.

Change to 3.25mm needles.
Rows 13 to 16 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 17 Knit, marking sts 10 and 16 for eye placement.
Rows 18 to 20 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 21 (K4, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [21 sts]
Row 22 Purl.
Row 23 (K3, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [17 sts]
Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (K2, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [13 sts]
Row 26 Purl.
Row 27 (K1, k2tog) 4 times, K1. [9 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Start at top.
Cast on 2 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 K2, kfb. [4 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 Kfb, k3. [5 sts]
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 K4, kfb. [6 sts]
Row 9 Knit.
Cast off.

HAT

Start at outer edge and carry unused yarns up side of work.
Cast on 50 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (WS) Knit.
Row 2 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [48 sts]
Row 3 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [46 sts]
Drop Yarn D and join Yarn E.
Row 4 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [44 sts]
Row 5 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [42 sts]
Row 6 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [40 sts]
Drop Yarn E and join Yarn F.
Row 7 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [38 sts]
Row 8 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [36 sts]
Row 9 K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [34 sts]
Change to Yarn D.
Rows 10 to 12 Knit.
Change to Yarn E.
Rows 13 to 15 Knit.
Change to Yarn F.
Rows 16 to 18 Knit.
Change to Yarn D.
Row 19 (K2, k2tog) 8 times, K2. [26 sts]
Row 20 Knit.
Row 21 (K1, k2tog) 8 times, K2. [18 sts]
Row 22 Knit.
Row 23 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

SCARF

Cast on 100 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.

Break Yarn D and join Yarn F.
Rows 1 to 2 Knit.
Break Yarn F and join Yarn E.
Row 3 Knit.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Body Gather cast-off sts at each hoof and sew tog row edges of Legs. Stuff, taking care to keep sole of each hoof flat. Sew row edges of Body together and stuff, leaving neck open at top.
Head Attach safety eyes before sewing up using markers to position. Wrap toy stuffing around each safety eye stalk before affixing washers to secure eyes in place. Gather cast-on sts at back of Head and sew row edges together, stuffing as you go. With black yarn, embroider several horizontal stitches for nose. Embroider mouth as in photo. Position Head on neck and with Yarn C section in front and sew around neck to secure Head in place.
Arms Gather cast-on sts at each shoulder. Sew row edges together, stuffing as you go and taking care to create a flat hoof base. Attach an Arm on each side of Body, 7cm below Head.
Hat and Ears Place Hat on Llama with 1cm of Yarn A fur showing around face. Sew Hat into position. Fold each Ear in half lengthwise and sew one on each side of Hat behind first yarn D stripe and with 6cm between Ears. Make a tiny pompom using Yarn F and attach it onto middle of Hat, 1.5cm behind Ears.
Scarf Make 2 pompoms using Yarn F and attach one to each end of Scarf. Wrap Scarf around Llama's neck and sew into place.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK

1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.

2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.

3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.

4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

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- 10 balls of Yarnsmiths Kid Mohair Silk (25g each) in Vintage Teal (3228)
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- 10 balls of Yarnsmiths Daydream Aran (100g each) in Isra (1C008)
- 10 balls of Yarnsmiths Pebble Haze DK Prints (150g each) in Cold Knap (2D300)
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Are you looking for the ultimate in knitting bliss? We have it for you in bundles this issue as *Simply Knitting* has collaborated with the brilliant team at Wool Warehouse to offer you a glorious prize of wonderful Yarnsmiths yarns. From plains to variegateds, mohair, silk and Merino wool, there's a top-quality yarn in a dreamy colour to suit you and your latest knitting projects. Whether you're crafting cosy garments, elegant accessories, or intricate home décor, this amazing collection has everything you need to unleash your creativity. There's an array of textures and shades too so your crafting experience could be more inspiring than ever before!*

For details on entering see below.

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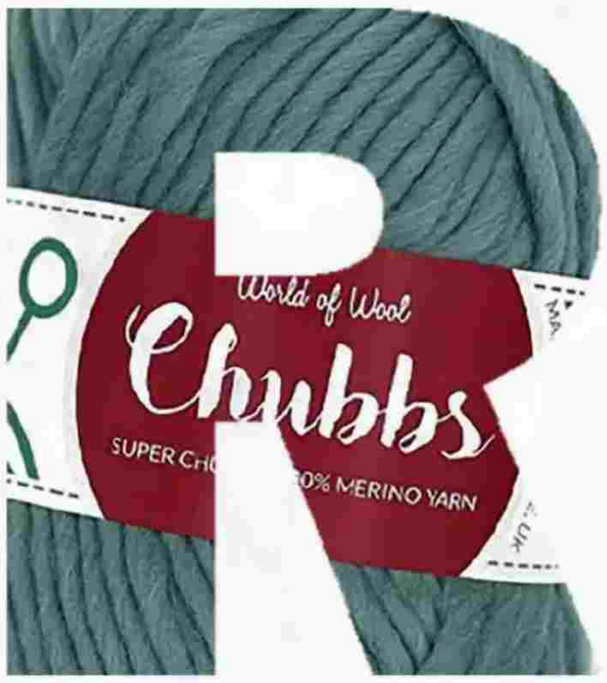

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CASUAL COLOUR

Looking for the perfect spring creation? Dive into a cascade of bright shades when you cast on this vibrant vest by **Chloé Elizabeth Birch**

✻ OMBRE TANK TOP

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Debbie Bliss Angel (72% mohair, 28% silk, 25g/200m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders
- ☐ Safety pin

TENSION

20 sts and 26 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4.5mm needles and yarn held double throughout

ABBREVIATIONS

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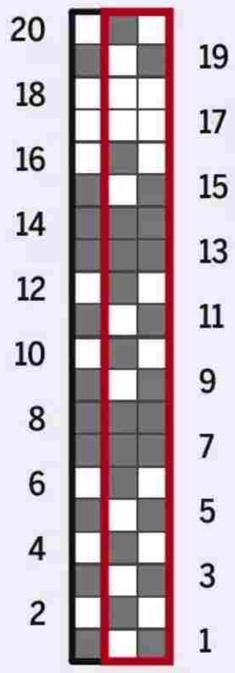
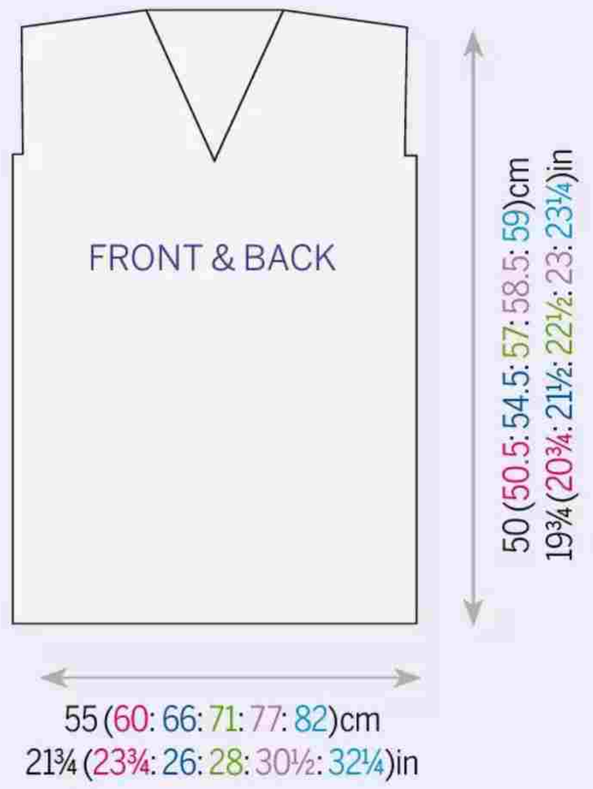
KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- Colour 1
- Colour 2
- Repeat

CHART





HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

"Whenever I don't have the time to knit a full-on sweater, I always turn to tank tops. Super popular these days, they can add colour or texture to an outfit instantly!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

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Note Yarn is held double throughout.

BACK

Cast on 111 (121: 133: 143: 155: 165) sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

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

Change to B.

Rib row 2 (WS) P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.

These 2 rows set rib.

Rib 1 row.

Change to Yarn C, rib 2 rows.

Change to Yarn D, rib 2 rows.

Change to Yarn C, rib 2 rows.

Change to Yarn B, rib 2 rows.

Change to Yarn A, rib 2 rows.

Change to 4.5mm needles.

SET PATTERN

Using Yarn A, beg with a RS knit row, work 12 (14: 16: 18: 20: 20) rows in st st.

Working from Chart, set Chart as follows using Yarn A as Colour 1 and Yarn B as Colour 2.

Row 1 (RS) Working from Row 1 of Chart, work 2-st rep 55 (60: 66: 71: 77: 82) times, patt 1 st after repeat.

Row 2 Working from Row 2 of Chart, patt 1-st before rep, work 2-st rep 55 (60: 66: 71: 77: 82) times.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
ACTUAL BUST	cm	110	120	132	142	154	164
	in	43¼	47¼	52	56	60¾	64½
LENGTH	cm	50	50.5	54.5	57	58.5	59
	in	19¾	20¾	21½	22½	23	23¼
YARN		**Debbie Bliss Angel (25g/200m)**					
Yarn A Ruby (44)		2	3	3	3	3	4
Yarn B Heather (36)		3	3	3	3	4	4
Yarn C Coral (13)		2	3	3	3	3	4
Yarn D Stone (5)		1	1	2	2	2	2

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

These 2 rows set Chart.
Work a further 18 rows straight in Chart patt as set.
Break off Yarn A.
Using Yarn B, beg with a RS knit row, work 20 rows in st st.
Using Yarn B as Colour 1, and Yarn C as Colour 2, work Rows 1 to 8 of Chart as set.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Cont in patt.
Cast off 7 sts at the beg of next 2 rows.
[97 (107: 119: 129: 141: 151) sts]**
Work Rows 11 to 20 of Chart as set. Break off Yarn B.
Using Yarn C, beg with a RS knit row, work 20 rows in st st.
Using Yarn C as Colour 1, and Yarn D as Colour 2, work Rows 1 to 20 of Chart as set. Break off Yarn C.
Using Yarn D, beg with a RS knit row, work 6 (10: 14: 18: 20: 22) rows in st st.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 13 (14: 16: 18: 20: 22) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[71 (79: 87: 93: 101: 107) sts]
Cast off 13 (15: 17: 18: 20: 22) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[45 (49: 53: 57: 61: 63) sts]
Slip rem 45 (49: 53: 57: 61: 63) sts onto a holder for Back neck.

FRONT

Work as for Back (throughout) to **. [97 (107: 119: 129: 141: 151) sts]

Next row (RS) Patt 45 (50: 56: 61: 67: 72), ssk, K1, turn, leaving rem 49 (54: 60: 65: 71: 76) sts on a holder. [47 (52: 58: 63: 69: 74) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.
Next row Patt to last 3 sts, ssk, K1. [46 (51: 57: 62: 68: 73) sts]
Next row Patt to end.

Rep last 2 rows 20 (22: 24: 26: 28: 29) more times, matching patt as for Back. [26 (29: 33: 36: 40: 44) sts]
Work rem 14 (14: 14: 14: 12: 12) rows of patt straight.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 13 (14: 16: 18: 20: 22) sts, patt to end.
[13 (15: 17: 18: 20: 22) sts]

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Next row Patt to end.
Cast off rem 13 (15: 17: 18: 20: 22) sts.

With RS facing, working on rem 49 (54: 60: 65: 71: 76) sts, slip centre st onto a safety pin, rejoin appropriate yarn to maintain patt, K1, k2tog, patt to end. [47 (52: 58: 63: 69: 74) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.
Next row K1, k2tog, patt to end. [46 (51: 57: 62: 68: 73) sts]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows 20 (22: 24: 26: 28: 29) more times.
[26 (29: 33: 36: 40: 44) sts]
Work rem 14 (14: 14: 14: 12: 12) rows of patt straight.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row Patt to end.
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 13 (14: 16: 18: 20: 22) sts, patt to end. [13 (15: 17: 18: 20: 22) sts]
Next row Patt to end.
Cast off rem 13 (15: 17: 18: 20: 22) sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.
With RS facing, using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A, pick up and K47 (51: 53: 55: 57: 59) sts evenly down left Front to centre st, PM, K1 st from safety pin, PM, pick up and K46 (50: 52: 54: 56: 58)sts evenly up right Front to shoulder seam, K across 45 (49: 53: 57: 61: 63) sts from Back holder. [139 (151: 159: 167: 175: 181) sts]
Row 1 (WS) P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end, slipping mrks.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 2 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to 2 sts before mrk, k2tog, sl SM, P1, sl SM, ssk, *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.
[2 sts dec'd]
Row 3 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to 1 st before mrk, P1, sl SM, K1, sl SM, P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
Change to Yarn C.
Row 4 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to 3 sts before mrk, P1, k2tog, sl SM, P1, sl SM, ssk, P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.
[135 (147: 155: 163: 171: 177) sts]
Row 5 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end, slipping mrks.
Change to Yarn B and rep Rows 2 and 3.
[133 (145: 153: 161: 169: 175) sts]
Change to Yarn A and rep Row 4. [131 (143: 151: 159: 167: 173) sts]
Cast off in rib using Yarn A.

ARMHOLE EDGES (BOTH ALIKE)

Join left shoulder and neckband seam.
With RS facing, using 4.5mm needles and Yarn A, beg at cast-off edge, pick up and K45 (49: 51: 53: 55: 57) sts evenly up armhole edge to shoulder seam, pick up and K1 st into shoulder seam, pick up and K45 (49: 51: 53: 55: 57) sts evenly down to cast-off edge.
[91 (99: 103: 107: 111: 115) sts]
Row 1 (WS) P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
Change to Yarn B.
Row 2 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 3 P1, *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
These 2 rows set rib.
Using Yarn C, rib 2 rows.
Using Yarn B, rib 2 rows.
Using Yarn A, rib 1 row.
Cast off in rib using Yarn A.

MAKING UP

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ZIPPED CARDIGAN

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Bergère de France Image (aran, 50% Merino wool, 50% acrylic, 85m/50g)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles
- ☐ A cable needle (cn)
- ☐ 1 black/silver separating zipper:
  8 yrs 50cm long
  10 and 12 yrs 55cm long
  14 yrs 60cm long

TENSION

17 sts and 20 rows to measure

10x10cm (4x4in) over rev st st using 5.5mm needles

Cable pattern
28 sts = 12cm (4¾in) wide
22 rows = 10cm (4in) high

ABBREVIATIONS

T3F Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front, P1, K2 from cn
T3B Slip 1 st onto cn and hold at back, K2, P1 from cn
C4B Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at back, K2, K2 from cn
C4F Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front, K2, K2 from cn
C8F Slip 4 sts onto cn and hold at front, K4, K4 from cn

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ZIPPED CARDIGAN
BACK

Cast on 78 (82: 86: 90) sts using 5mm needles.

SIZES 8YRS AND 12YRS ONLY
Rib row 1 (RS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Rib row 2 (WS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Work 6 more rows in 2x2 rib at set, inc 0 (-: 1: -) st at each end of the last row. [78 (-: 88: -) sts]

SIZES 10YRS AND 14YRS ONLY
Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Work 6 more rows in 2x2 rib at set, inc - (0: -: 1) st at each end of the last row. [- (82: -: 92) sts]

ALL SIZES
Change to 5.5mm needles, beginning with Row 1 follow Chart A according to the size you are making, increasing as shown to 98 (102: 108: 112) sts.
Work Chart A through once then continue to work the repeats until 74 (72: 82: 92) rows (including ribbing) have been worked and work measures 34 (33: 38: 42)cm from the cast-on edge.

RAGLAN
Note When it is no longer possible to cable sts, purl those sts.
Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.
[92 (96: 100: 104) sts]

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8yrs	10yrs	12yrs	14yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	67	71	76	80
	in	26½	28	30	31½
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	78	84	90	96
	in	30¾	33	35½	37¾
LENGTH	cm	51	51	57	62
	in	20	20	22½	24½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	32	36	40	43
	in	12½	14¼	15¾	17
YARN		**Bergère de France Image (Aran, 50g/85m)**			
Rocher (10690)		9	11	12	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

SIZE 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row. [- (94: -: -) sts]

SIZES 8YRS AND 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p3tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 8 times, on the last WS row dec 2 sts above each cable and 4 sts above the Chevron stitch.
[30 (32: -: -) sts]

SIZES 12YRS AND 14YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 7 times. [- (-: 52: 56) sts]

Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 2 rows another - (-: 3: 4) times, on the last WS row dec 2 sts above each cable and 4 sts above the Chevron stitch.
[- (-: 36: 38) sts]

ALL SIZES
Cast off remaining 30 (32: 36: 38) sts.

LEFT FRONT
Cast on 40 (42: 44: 46) sts using 5mm needles.

SIZES 8YRS AND 12YRS ONLY
Rib row 1 (RS) (P2, K2) to end.
Work 7 more rows in 2x2 rib at set, inc 0 (-: 1: -) st at the end of the last row. [40 (-: 45: -) sts]

SIZES 10YRS AND 14YRS ONLY
Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Work 6 more rows in 2x2 rib at set, inc - (0: -: 1) st at the end of the last row. [- (42: -: 47) sts]

ALL SIZES
Change to 5.5mm needles, beginning with Row 1 follow Chart B according to the size you are making, increasing as shown to 50 (52: 55: 57) sts.
Work Chart B through once then continue to work the repeats until 74 (72: 82: 92) rows (including ribbing) have been worked and work measures 34 (33: 38: 42)cm from the cast-on edge.

RAGLAN
Note When it is no longer possible to cable sts, purl those sts.
Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at the beginning of the next row.
Work 1 row. [47 (49: 51: 53) sts]

SIZE 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Work 1 row. [- (48: -: -) sts]

SIZES 8YRS AND 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Work 1 row.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 5 times. [29 (30: -: -) sts]
Next row (RS) P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Next row (WS) Work in patt to end. [27 (28: -: -) sts]

SIZES 12YRS AND 14YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Work 1 row.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 6 times. [- (-: 30: 32) sts]

ALL SIZES
Raglan dec will cont on RS rows with Neck Shaping sts being cast off on WS rows.

NECK SHAPING
SIZES 8YRS AND 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 10 (11: -: -) sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SIZE 12YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 10 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows once more.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SIZE 14YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row (WS) Work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 11 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows once more. [- (-: -: 10) sts]

Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 2 sts, work in patt to end.
Next row P1, p2tog, work in patt to end.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end.
Rep last 2 rows once more.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

RIGHT FRONT
Work as for Left Front to Raglan, but following Chart C.

RAGLAN
Note When it is no longer possible to cable sts, purl those sts.
Work 1 RS row.
Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at the beginning of the next row.
[47 (49: 51: 53) sts]

SIZE 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) Work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row. [- (48: -: -) sts]

SIZES 8YRS AND 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) Work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 5 times. [29 (30: -: -) sts]
Next row (RS) Work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row. [27 (28: -: -) sts]

SIZES 12YRS AND 14YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) Work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep the last 4 rows another 6 times. [- (-: 30: 32) sts]

ALL SIZES
Raglan dec will cont on RS rows with Neck Shaping sts being cast off on RS rows.

NECK SHAPING
SIZES 8YRS AND 10YRS ONLY
Next row (RS) **Cast off** 10 (11: -: -) sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 2 sts work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 1 st work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.

Next row Cast off 1 st work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SIZE 12YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 10 sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows once more.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SIZE 14YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) Work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 11 sts, work in patt to end to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows once more. [- (-: -: 10) sts]

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 2 sts, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row Cast off 1 st, work in patt to end to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows once more.
Cast off rem 3 sts.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 38 (38: 42: 42) sts using 5mm needles.
Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Work 6 more rows in 2x2 rib at set, inc 0 (1: 0: 1) st at each end of the last row. [38 (40: 42: 44) sts]

Change to 5.5mm needles.
Set-up row (RS) P8 (9: 10: 11), work Row 1 of the Sleeve Cable Pattern marked at the top of Chart A, inc 6 sts as shown, P8 (9: 10: 11). [44 (46: 48: 50) sts]

Cont as set, working the side sts in rev st st and continuing the Sleeve Cable Pattern ending after Row 8.

Shape Sleeves as foll, cont in patt and working incs 2 sts in from the edge:
Inc 1 st at each end of 5 (6: 9: 8) foll 8th rows, then at each end of 2 (2: 0: 2) foll 6th rows. [58 (62: 66: 70) sts]

Cont in pattern without inc working a further 2 (2: 0: 2) rows.
[70 (78: 88: 94) rows (including ribbing) have been worked and your work measures 32 (36: 40: 43)cm from the cast-on edge]

RAGLAN

Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.
[52 (56: 58: 62) sts]

SIZES 10YRS, 12YRS AND 14YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) P1, p3tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row. [- (52: 54: 58) sts]

SIZE 14YRS ONLY

Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Next row P1, p3tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, p3tog, P1.
Work 1 row. [- (-: -: 52) sts]

ALL SIZES

Next row (RS) P1, p2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, p2tog, P1.
Work 1 row.
Rep last 2 rows another 17 (17: 18: 17) times.
Cast off rem 16 sts.

COLLAR

Cast on 78 (82: 86: 90) sts using 5mm needles.
Rib row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Work 4 more rows in 2x2 rib leave the stitches on hold.

FINISHING

Join raglans.
Graft collar to edge of neck.
Along each front using 5mm needles, pick up and knit 90 (99: 99: 108) sts, then **cast off** all sts knitwise on WS.
Sew Sleeve seams and sides of cardigan.
Sew zipper in place.
Weave in all ends.

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.

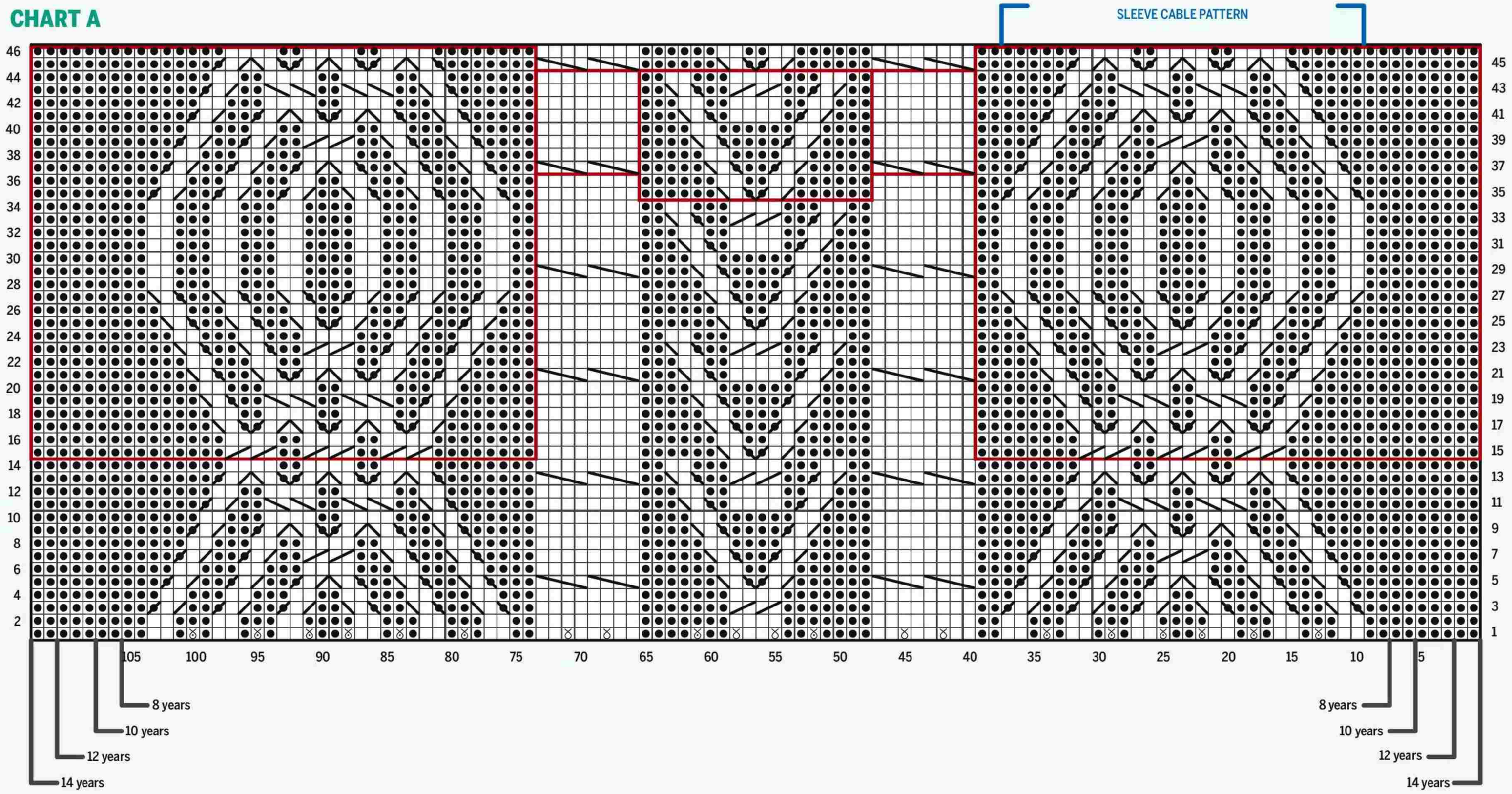
HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- Pfb
- Kfb
- T3F
- T3B
- C4F
- C4B
- C8F
- Row repeat

CHART A



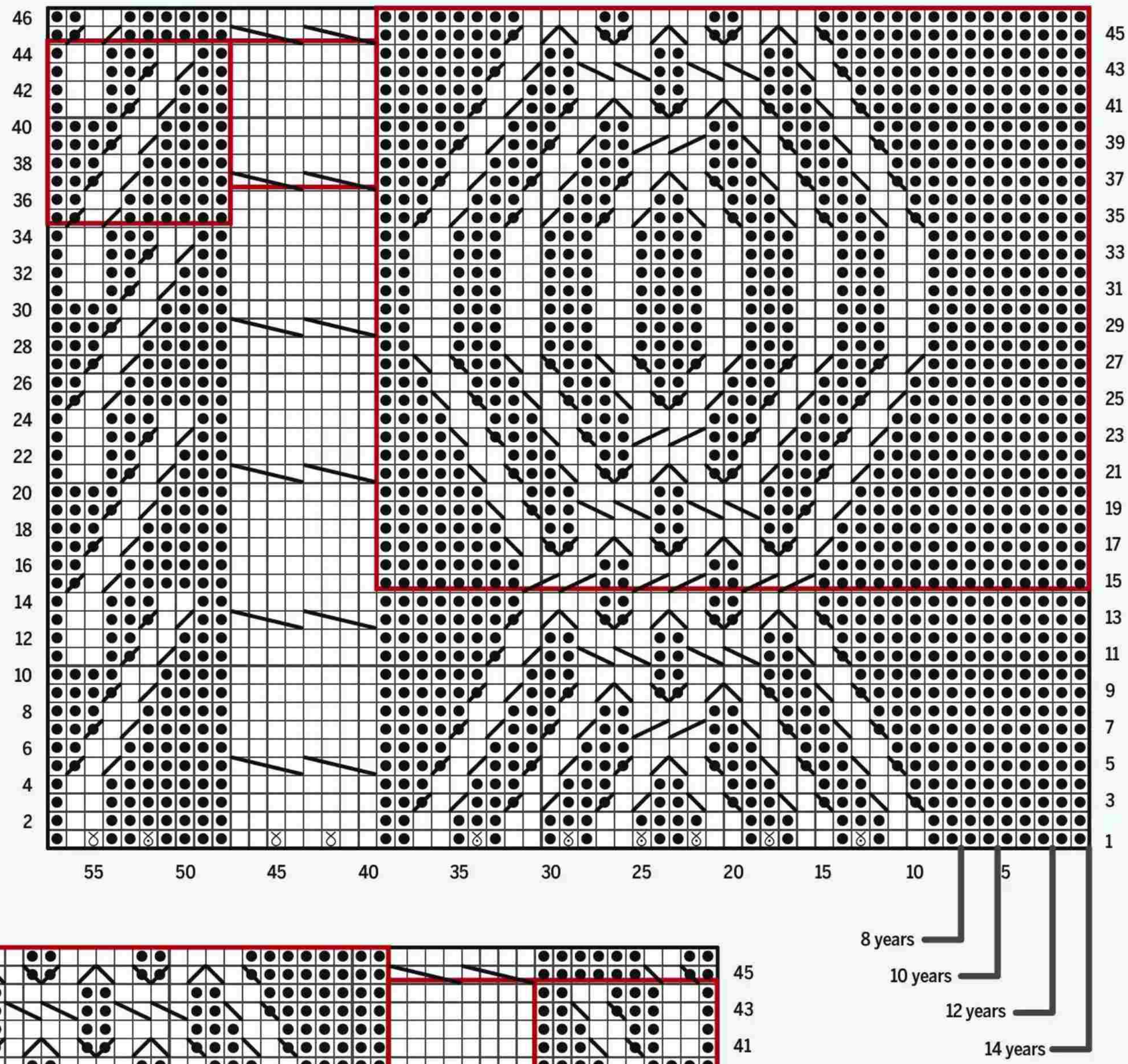
KEY

- K on RS; P on WS
- P on RS; K on WS
- Pfb
- Kfb
- T3F
- T3B
- C4F
- C4B
- C8F
- Row repeat

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

CHART B LEFT FRONT



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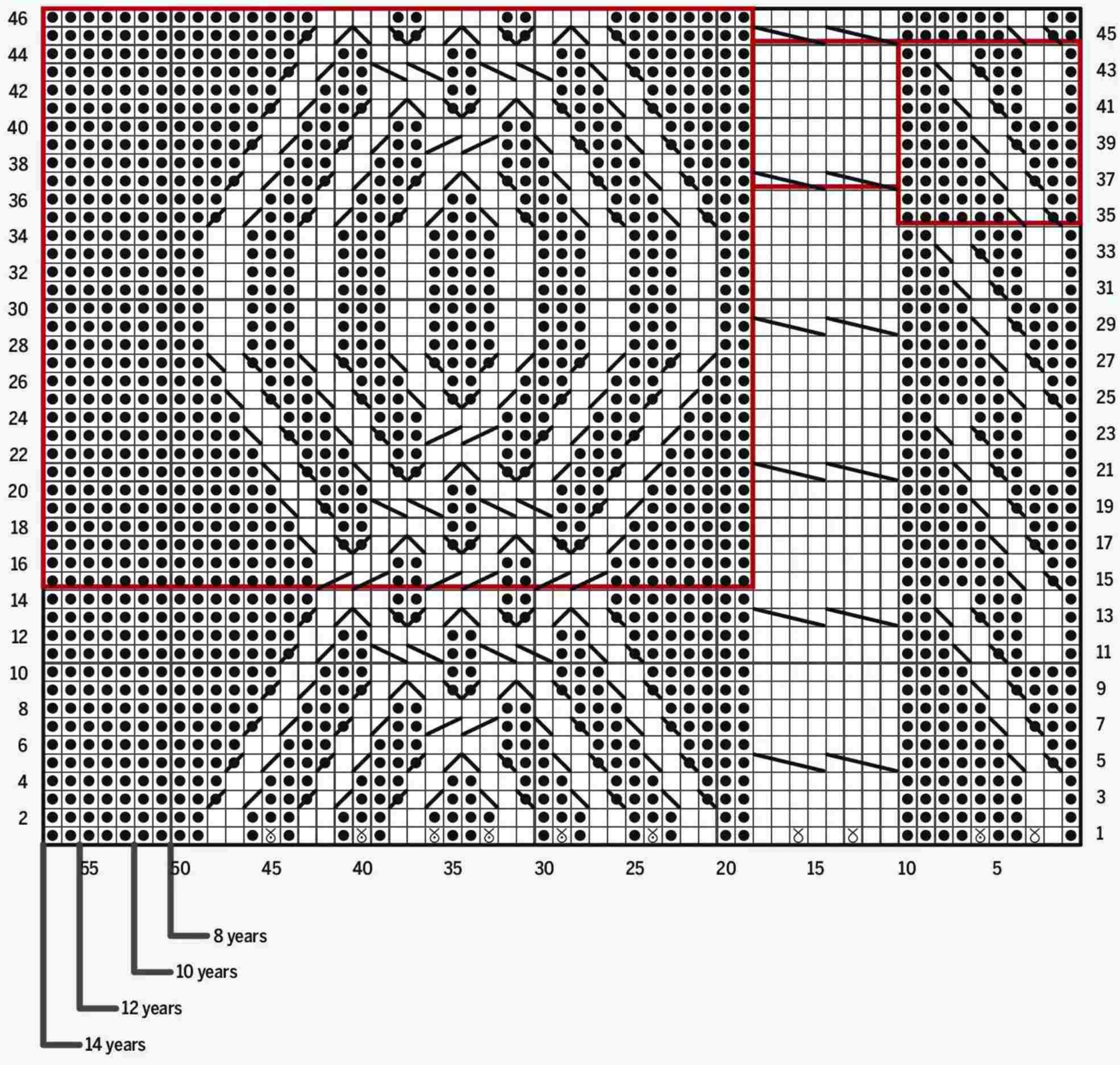

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ James C Brett Baby Shimmer DK (90% acrylic/10% viscose, 100g/280m)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn A BS1
  Yarn B BS2
  Yarn C BS3
  Yarn D BS5
  Yarn E BS8
- ☐ A pair of 3mm needles
- ☐ A wooden dowel rod, 30cm long
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ Stitch holder
- ☐ Black embroidery thread
- ☐ String/garden twine for hanging

TENSION

24 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 3mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Moon 18cm (7in) tall
Large Star 10cm (4in) across
Small Star 7cm (2¾in) across

ABBREVIATIONS

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MOON HANGING

Notes Unless otherwise specified, use an ordinary knitted cast-on for all pieces, and mattress stitch for seaming.

LARGE STARS (MAKE 2 EACH IN YARNS A AND C)

FIRST POINT

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (Kfb) twice, K1. [5 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Rows 6 to 11 Rep Rows 4 to 5 three times. [13 sts]
Row 12 Purl.
Break yarn and leave sts on a holder.

2ND TO 5TH POINTS

Work as given for first point four more times, transferring 2nd, 3rd and 4th sets of point sts onto holder, but leave sts of 5th point on knitting needle. With RS facing, transfer held sts for first four points back onto same needle and rejoin yarn. [65 sts]

CENTRE

Row 13 (RS) (K2tog, K9, ssk) 5 times. [55 sts]
Row 14 and foll WS rows Purl.
Row 15 (K2tog, K7, ssk) 5 times. [45 sts]
Row 17 (K2tog, K5, ssk) 5 times. [35 sts]
Row 19 (K2tog, K3, ssk) 5 times. [25 sts]
Row 21 (K2tog, K1, ssk) 5 times. [15 sts]
Row 23 K1, (K2tog) 7 times. [8 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

SMALL STARS (MAKE 2 EACH IN YARNS C, D AND E)

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles.

FIRST POINT

Cast on 2 sts using 3mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) Kfb, K1. [3 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (Kfb) twice, K1. [5 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Rows 6 to 7 Rep Rows 4 to 5. [9 sts]
Row 8 Purl.
Break yarn and leave sts on a holder.

2ND TO 5TH POINTS

Work as given for First Point four more times, transferring 2nd, 3rd and 4th sets of point sts onto holder, but leave sts of 5th point on knitting needle. With RS facing, transfer held sts for first four points back onto same needle and rejoin yarn. [45 sts]

CENTRE

Row 9 (K2tog, K5, ssk) 5 times. [35 sts]
Row 10 and foll WS rows Purl.
Row 11 (K2tog, K3, ssk) 5 times. [25 sts]

Row 13 (K2tog, K1, ssk) 5 times. [15 sts]
Row 15 K1, (k2tog) 7 times. [8 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MOON CRESCENT

Cast on 6 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 2 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 3 (RS) K1, (kfb) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 (K1, kfb, K1, kfb, K1) twice. [14 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 Knit to last 3 sts, w&t, purl to last 3 sts, w&t, knit to last 5 sts, w&t, purl to last 5 sts, w&t, knit to end.
Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 (K1, kfb, K3, kfb, K1) twice. [18 sts]
Rows 10 to 12 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 13 (K1, kfb, K5, kfb, K1) twice. [22 sts]
Rows 14 to 16 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 17 (K1, kfb, K7, kfb, K1) twice. [26 sts]
Rows 18 to 20 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 21 (K1, kfb, K9, kfb, K1) twice. [30 sts]
Rows 22 to 24 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 25 (K1, kfb, K11, kfb, K1) twice. [34 sts]
Rows 26 to 28 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 29 (K1, kfb, K13, kfb, K1) twice. [38 sts]
Rows 30 to 32 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 33 (K1, kfb, K15, kfb, K1) twice. [42 sts]
Rows 34 to 36 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 37 (K1, k2tog, K15, ssk, K1) twice. [38 sts]
Rows 38 to 40 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 41 (K1, k2tog, K13, ssk, K1) twice. [34 sts]
Rows 42 to 44 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 45 (K1, k2tog, K11, ssk, K1) twice. [30 sts]
Rows 46 to 48 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 49 (K1, k2tog, K9, ssk, K1) twice. [26 sts]
Rows 50 to 52 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 53 (K1, K2tog, K7, ssk, K1) twice. [22 sts]
Rows 54 to 56 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 57 (K1, k2tog, K5, ssk, K1) twice. [18 sts]
Rows 58 to 60 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 61 (K1, k2tog, K3, ssk, K1) twice. [14 sts]
Rows 62 to 64 Rep Rows 6 to 8.
Row 65 (K1, k2tog, K1, ssk, K1) twice. [10 sts]
Row 66 Purl.
Row 67 Knit.
Row 68 (P2tog) 5 times. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MOON NOSE

Cast on 18 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 2 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 3 (K2tog, K5, ssk) twice. [14 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 (K2tog, K3, ssk) twice. [10 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 (K2tog, K1, ssk) twice. [6 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MOON CHEEKS (MAKE 2)

Using the long-tail method for a stretchy edge, **cast on** 18 sts using 3mm needles and Yarn E.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP

Large and Small Stars Use cast-off tail to sew side edges of star centre tog. Weave in all yarn tails. Sew 2 matching star pieces tog around outer edges of points, stuffing as you go.
Moon Crescent Sew side edges of Moon Crescent tog, stuffing as you go. For Nose, sew side edges tog, add a little stuffing, and sew cast-on edge onto centre of Moon Crescent inner seam, with widest Nose seam facing bottom. For each Cheek, sew side edges tog to make a circle shape, and sew each onto side of Moon Crescent, catching a stitch on outer edge of Cheek onto a stitch on Moon all the way around. With black thread, embroider eyes and mouth using photo as a guide.
Hanging Cut a length of string and tie onto each end of dowel rod for hanging to desired height (ideally use a macrame constrictor knot, or instead simply double knot), then trim any excess string. Using lengths of Yarn B, suspend decorations from rod using photo as a guide, knotting yarn securely around dowel rod and onto top of each decoration. Bury yarn tail ends inside stuffed pieces.

STEP-BY-STEP KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK

1 Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the stitch and knit as normal, but don't drop it from the left-hand needle.

2 Then take the right-hand needle behind the left-hand one and insert the tip of the needle down through the back of the stitch on the left-hand needle.

3 Wrap the yarn around the tip of the right-hand needle to knit the stitch. Bring the needle through to make the stitch, keeping it on the right-hand needle.

4 Take the stitch off the left-hand needle. You will have increased one stitch by knitting twice into the original stitch, first at the front, then at the back.

TAKE A BREAK

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

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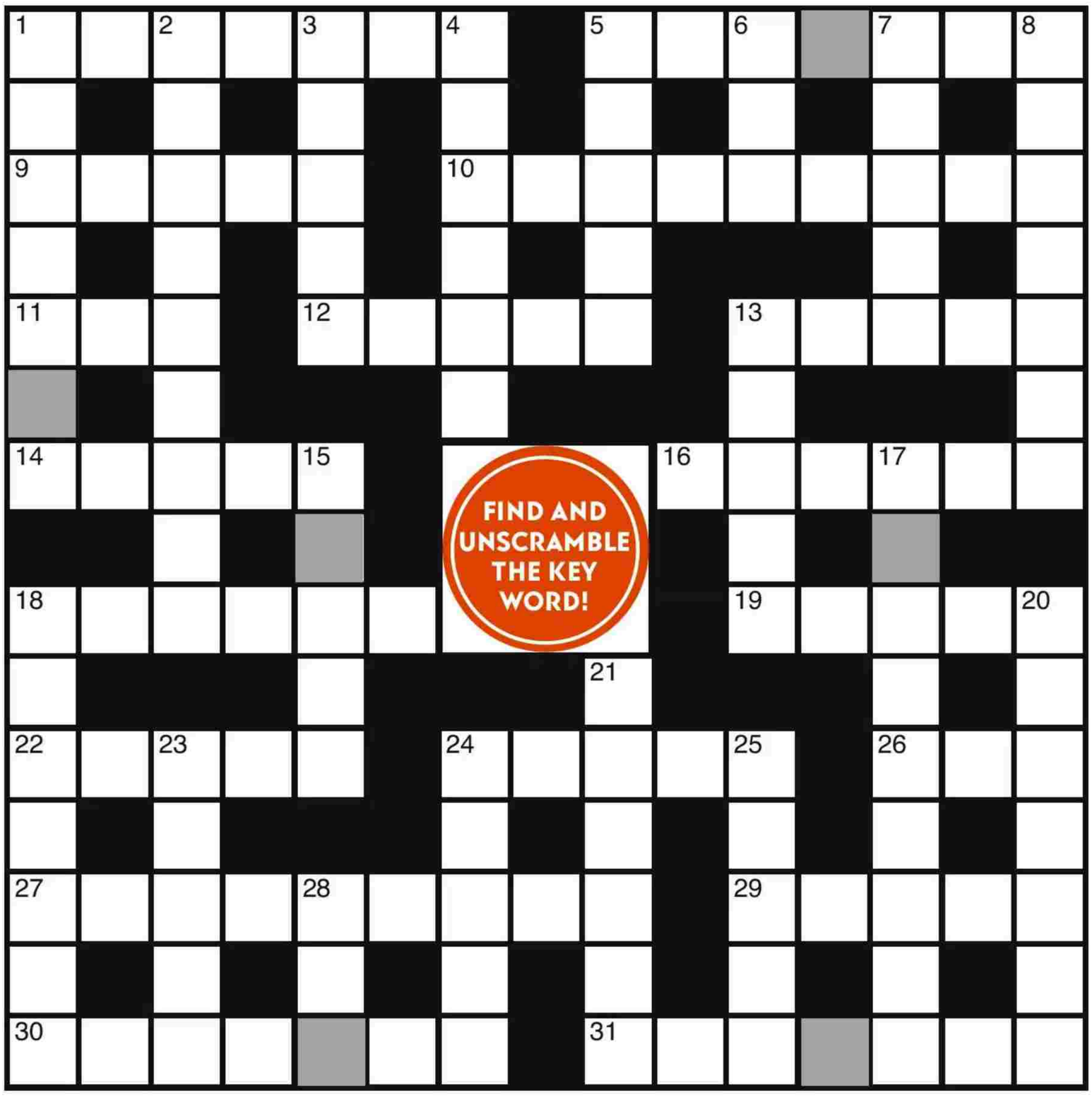
CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Indicator of a health condition (7)
5 Seafood with claws (7)
9 Author of fables? (5)
10 Requiring great effort or exertion (9)
11 Grass dried for animals (3)
12 Meadow flower with petals that open in the sun (5)
13 Manmade waterway (5)
14 Frozen rain (5)
16 Technical term for knitting stitches in a row (6)
18 *The --- Singer,* TV entertainment show (6)
19 Spicy sauce or dance style (5)
22 Work dough with hands (5)
24 US president (5)
26 Sweet potato (3)
27 Defeat or dominate completely (8)
29 Open public square (5)
30 Where a river meets the sea (7)
31 London's theatre district (4,3)

DOWN

1 Breaks violently into pieces (7)
2 Fish and chips accompaniment (5,4)
3 Luke warm (5)
4 Slip-stitch pattern in two or more colours (6)
5 Heavy goods vehicle (5)
6 Small, round bread roll (3)
7 Sharp point on a plant (5)
8 Find a solution (7)
13 Christian symbol (5)
15 Fashion (5)
17 Team event involving passing a baton (5,4)
18 Process of creating a single increase stitch (4,3)
20 Band worn on the arm, often for identification (7)
21 Underground home for animals (6)
23 Choose or select for office (6)
24 Yellow-brown colour and an owl? (5)
25 Musical instruments or tubes for carrying liquids (5)
28 Small green vegetable (3)

IT'S SUDOKU TIME!

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ISSUE 262 CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

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FLOWER BURSTS

Decorate your feet with a pair of handmade socks, covered in eyelet-made floral blossoms. By **Bronagh Miskelly**

Perfect *your* lacework

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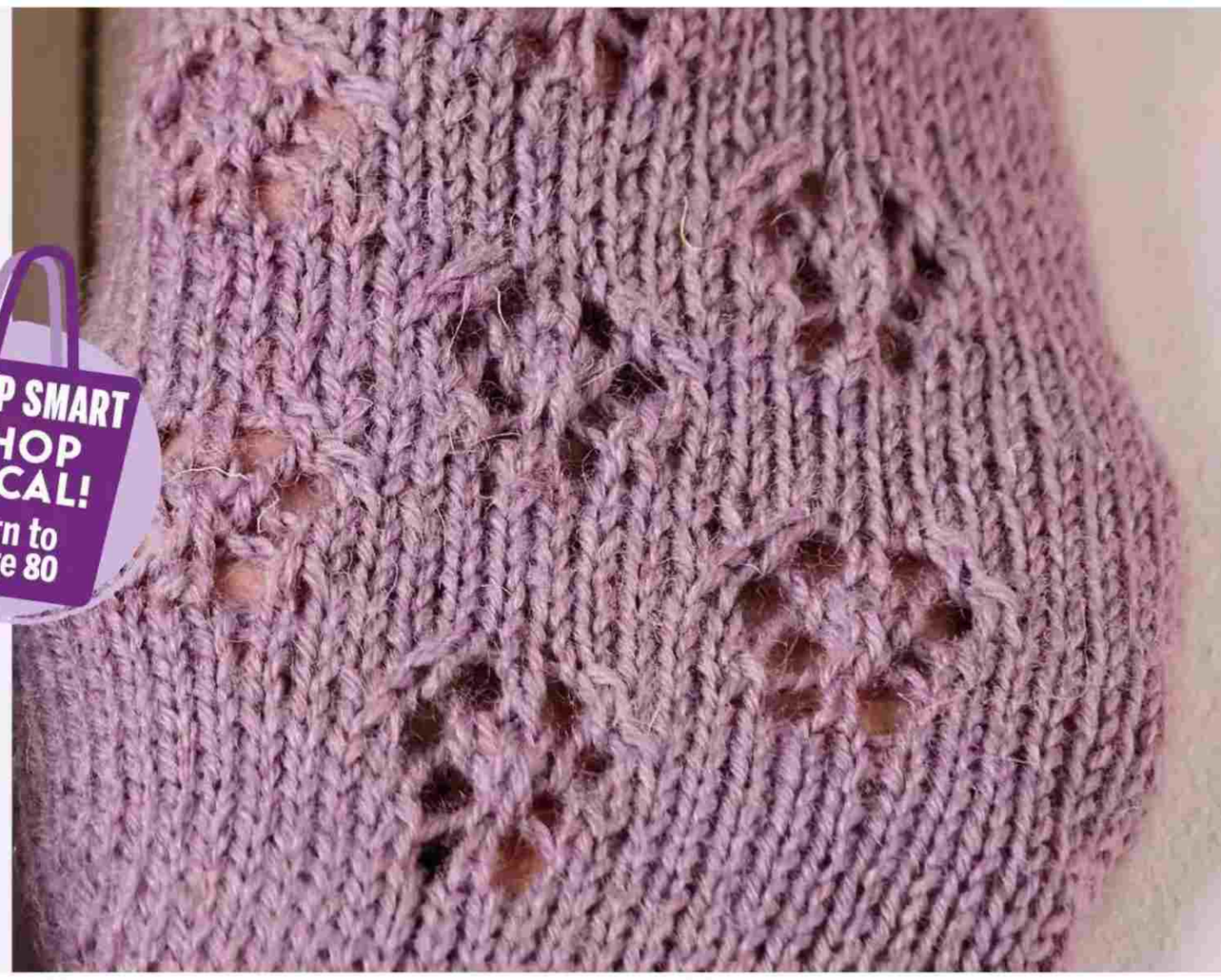

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply (75% wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m) 1 ball of Pennyroyal (530)
- ☐ A set of 2.75mm double-pointed needles (DPNs) or circular needles (80cm long) for magic loop
- ☐ A set of 2.5mm DPNs or circular needles (80cm long) for magic loop
- ☐ 2 stitch markers

TENSION

30 sts and 44 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over main pattern using 2.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit foot circumference
20.5 (25.5)cm [8 (10)in]
Actual foot circumference
18.5 (23.5)cm [7¼ (9¼)in]
From cuff to bottom of heel
23 (26.5)cm [9 (10½)in]
From heel to toe (adjustable)
20 (26.5)cm [7¾ (10½)in]

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"These pretty floral-patterned socks will see you beautifully into spring and beyond. Signature 4ply yarn comes in a range of wonderful colours to choose from too."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

LACE SOCKS

Note Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate depending on how long you make the foot and the leg. If you are working with DPNs, rearrange the number of sts on each needle by one of two every few rows to avoid developing ladders of looser sts.

LEG PATTERN

Rnd 1 *K5, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K4; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 2 and all alt rnds except Rnd 12 Knit.
Rnd 3 *K4, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K3; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 5 *K6, yo, s2kpo, yo, K5; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 7 *K5, ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K4; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 9 *K1, yo, ssk, K9, k2tog, yo; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 11 *K2, yo, ssk, K7, k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 12 K to last st, sl1, remove mrk, sl st back to left needle, PM.
Rnd 13 *S2kpo, yo, K11, yo; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 15 *K1, yo, k2tog, K9, ssk, yo; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rnd 16 Knit.

FOOT TOP PATTERN

Row 1 K5 (8), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K9, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K5 (8).
Row 2 and all even rnds Knit.
Row 3 K4 (7), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K7, k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K4 (7).
Row 5 K6 (9), yo, s2kpo, yo, K11, yo, s2kpo, yo, K6 (9).
Row 7 K5 (8), ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K9, ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K5 (8).
Row 9 K12 (15), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K12 (15).
Row 11 K11 (14), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K11 (14).
Row 13 K13 (16), yo, s2kpo, yo, K13 (16).
Row 15 K12 (15), ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K12 (15).
Row 16 Knit.
Rnds 1 to 16 set pattern.

SOCK (MAKE 2)

Cast on 56 (70) sts using 2.75mm needles, and join in the round, taking care not to twist stitches. PM to mark beg of rnd.
Rnd 1 *P1, K1; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rep rnd 1 another 11 times.

LEG

Change to 2.5mm needles.
Work 14-st Leg Pattern rep 4 (5) times each round, rep Rnds 1 to 16 until 64 (72) patt rnds are complete, ending on a rnd 16 (8) of pattern.

LARGE SIZE ONLY

Remove mrk, K4, PM for new beg of rnd.

DIVIDE FOR HEEL

Note Heel is worked in rows, all WS rows are worked in purl.
Row 1 (RS) K5 (8), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K9, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K5 (8) turn. [29 (35) sts]
Row 2 and all WS rows Sl1 purl to end.
Row 3 Sl1, K3 (6), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, K7, k2tog, yo, K3 (6), yo, ssk, K4 (7).
Row 5 Sl1, K5 (8), yo, s2kpo, yo, K11, yo, s2kpo, yo, K6 (9).
Row 7 Sl1, K4 (7), ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K9, ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, K5 (8).
Row 9 Sl1, K11 (14), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, knit to end.
Row 11 Sl1, K10 (13), k2tog, yo, K3, yo, ssk, knit to end.
Row 13 Sl1, K12 (15), yo, s2kpo, yo, knit to end.
Row 15 Sl1, K11 (14), ssk, yo, K1, yo, k2tog, knit to end.
Row 17 Sl1, K4 (7), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K9, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K5 (8).
Row 18 Sl1 purl to end.
Rows 3 to 18 set pattern rep. Cont in patt 24 (36) heel rows have been worked.

SMALL SIZE ONLY

Next row Sl1, knit to end.
Next row Sl1, purl to end.
Rep last 2 rows once more.

TURN HEEL

Row 1 Sl1 knitwise, K15 (19), ssk, K1, turn.
Row 2 Sl1 purlwise, P4 (6), p2tog, P1, turn.

Row 3 Sl1 knitwise, knit to one st before gap, ssk, K1, turn.
Row 4 Sl1 purlwise, purl to one st before gap, p2tog, P1, turn.
Rep last 2 rows until all heel sts have been worked. [17 (21) sts]

GUSSET

Set-up rnd Sl1 knitwise, K16 (20) heel sts, pick up and K14 (18) sts along side of heel flap, PM for small size, pick up and knit 1 st between heel flap and instep, PM for large size, K4 (8), k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K9, k2tog, yo, K1, yo, ssk, K4 (8), PM for large size, pick up and knit 1 st between instep and heel flap, PM for small size, pick up and K14 (18) sts along other side of heel flap, knit to mrk. This mrk indicates the new beg of rnd.
[74 (94) sts – 29 (35) instep sts]

Rnd 1 Work Row 2 of Foot Top Pattern, sl SM, ssk, knit to 2 sts before end of rnd, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Rnd 2 Work next Row of Foot Top Pattern, sl SM, knit to end of rnd.
Rnd 3 Work next Row of Foot Top Pattern, sl SM, ssk, knit to 2 sts before end of rnd, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]

Rep last 2 rnds until 56 (70) sts rem.

Next rnd Patt to mrk, sl SM, knit to end of rnd.
Cont to work in patt as set, until 8 (10) full patt rep are complete from cuff or foot meas 4 (5)cm less than desired foot length ending on an even rnd.

SMALL SIZE ONLY

Next rnd K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before mrk, k2tog, K1, sl SM, knit to end of rnd. [54 sts]
Next rnd Knit.

TOE

Rnd 1 *K1, ssk, knit to 3 sts before mrk, k2tog, K1; rep from * once more. [4 sts dec'd]
Rnd 2 Knit.
Rep last 2 rnds another 2 (4) times. [42 (50) sts]
Rep Rnd 1 only until 22 (26) sts rem.

GRAFTING/KITCHENER STITCH

Divide rem sts equally between two needles and graft toe together using Kitchener stitch as seen in the step-by-step below.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block carefully, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

STEP-BY-STEP GRAFTING OR KITCHENER STITCH

1 Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail. Thread yarn purlwise through the first stitch at the front and knitwise through the first stitch at the back.

2 Pass through first stitch on the front needle knitwise, then slip the stitch from the needle. Sew into the next front st purlwise, pulling the yarn through both stitches.

3 Sew into the first stitch on the back needles purlwise, then slip that stitch from the needle. Sew into the next stitch on the back needle knitwise.

4 Repeat Steps 2 and 3 across. A simple way to remember the order is 'knit, purl, purl, knit'! When all the stitches have been grafted, weave the yarn in neatly to finish.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

There are plenty of options for switching out your mohair yarn

ITCHY BUSINESS

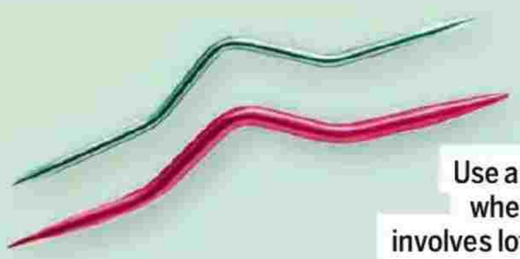
Q I have a pattern I want to make but it needs a mohair yarn. I find mohair really itchy, is there an alternative?
Kelly Jordan

Mohair is quite unique in the light, fluffy fabric it can create but there are alternatives if mohair doesn't work for you. The closest option is brushed alpaca which can be a lot softer and less itchier than mohair. But this can still irritate some skin so it depends on your individual tolerance. There are also some polyester or acrylic yarns which have a fluffy texture. If the project is designed to use a mohair alongside another yarn, instead of replacing just the mohair, you could look for a single yarn which matches the gauge of the project – instead of a fingering weight yarn plus a lace or fingering weight mohair you could look for a sport or DK weight yarn. If you would prefer a less fluffy fabric then you can replace the mohair with whatever yarn you want! There are lots of options to try, just check you meet the gauge for the project and that your swatch makes a fabric you like! **Jen**

NEEDLE-LESS CABLES

Q I've tried cabling without a cable needle but it's really fiddly and the stitches keep dropping. Am I doing it wrong, or is it just difficult?
Donna Bradley

Cabling without a cable needle can be tricky and takes some getting used to. It can work for some projects but not for others. If you're using larger needles the stitches will be larger and easier to keep hold of, but some yarns are more slippery making it easier to drop stitches. When cabling without a cable needle, you are rearranging the stitches on your left needle before working them. As you move the first set of stitches off the needle to place them after the second set, pinch the base of these stitches to stop them from dropping. This gives you some security to manoeuvre your stitches without losing them! If you're working a 1/1 cable you can knit into the second stitch on the left needle (from behind the first stitch if it's a left cross, and from in front if it's a right cross) then knit the first stitch and slide both worked stitches off the needle, the cable has already been worked! Avoid cabling without a cable needle when cables involve lots of stitches or complicated twists. Make a swatch and play with different techniques to get more comfortable with this technique! **Cory**



Use a cable needle when the pattern involves lots of stitches

Pinch your stitches to stop them from dropping

Making a swatch will help with your technique

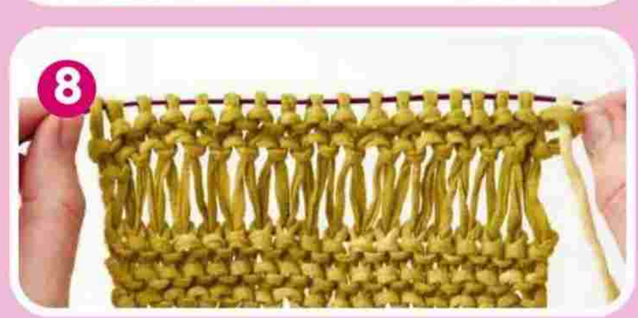
GUEST EXPERT

HOW TO KNIT ELONGATED STITCH

Knit expert **Rosee Woodland** explains how to make your elongated stitches successfully

Before you start any major project using this kind of stitch it's worth making a swatch. In this example we're using a tape yarn, which recommends an 8mm needle, but we found a 7mm needle gave the right tension.

1 Insert your right-hand needle into the first stitch, as if to knit it and wrap the yarn once around the needle as if you were knitting it as normal.
2 Now, wind the working yarn around the needle for a second time. At this stage it doesn't matter what it looks like or whether the tape is neat and flat.
3 Now pull the new 'double' stitch through the old stitch and take it off the left hand needle, just as if you were knitting as stitch as normal.
4 Once you've finished a row you can see how the extra loops are starting to drag down and create an elongated stitch.
5 At the start of the next row, knit into the first of the two loops you have made for each stitch on the previous row.
6 Pull through the working yarn as if you were knitting normally.
7 Then pull the second of the two loops completely off the left hand needle. This may seem strange at first, as the resulting stitch is extremely baggy, but if it looks like this picture, then trust us, you're doing it right!
8 After a few stitches you'll be able to get an idea of what the finished stitch will look like. As you can see, extremely long stitches are produced!



PERFECTING YOUR ELONGATED STITCH

- Loop stitch works particularly well alternated with sections of garter stitch, but try to keep one side as the 'right side' and always work the first step of the loop stitch on this side. If it's hard to keep track, mark the right side with a scrap of paper or a sticky note pinned to it.
- If you want to make longer loops, the process is exactly the same. Instead of winding the working yarn around twice, wind it as many times as you like! Then pull the new triple stitch through as you did before and off the needle.

SWATCH STASH

Q I make gauge swatches to make sure projects will be the right size, but I have no idea what to do with all these little squares of knitting, do you have any ideas? Ameera B

Good question, here's some suggestions. You could unravel them and use the yarn to make something else. I've done this before and made a magic knot ball with all the pieces of yarn and added them to a blanket. This isn't possible for some swatches and not a good idea if you've knitted your swatches in the round and cut the yarn or used lots of different colours. You can use the swatches on their own as coasters or to make small things like baubles or a phone case or whatever your creativity comes up with for the size of swatch you have. You could also combine the swatches and join them together to make a blanket. My favourite way to use swatches is to sew them together to make a fabric which can then be made into a bag or other item! The different colours and patterns make such a fun fabric. The patterns below from *Simply Knitting*'s past issues demonstrate just two of the ways you can turn your swatches into wonderful makes. **Kirstie**

Patchwork blankets make the perfect swatch-busting project

Turn folded swatches into phone cosies

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FANCY LINES

Flood your sofa with vibrant colours and creative stitches when you cast on this gorgeous cushion by **Mary Henderson**

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners Retreat Chunky (100% Bluefaced Kerry Hill wool, 100g/140m)
  2 balls of
  Yarn A Reflect (099)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn B Balance (1157)
  Yarn C Mellow (221)
  Yarn D Bliss (692)
  Yarn E Energise (1155)
- ☐ A pair of 5.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 6mm needles
- ☐ 5 buttons (15mm diameter)
- ☐ 46cm (18in) cushion insert
- ☐ Tapestry needle

TENSION

16 sts and 18 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Fair Isle pattern using 6mm needles

SIZE

To fit 46cm (18in) cushion insert
Finished measurements
45x42cm (17¼x16½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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

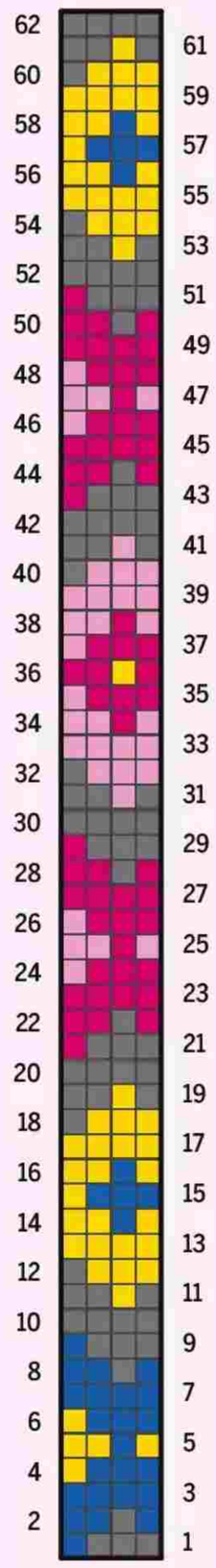
OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **Love Wool** 07927 764416 www.lovewool.co.uk
- ☐ **Woolbox** www.woolbox.co.uk

KEY

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

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

FAIR ISLE CUSHION

I CORD CAST OFF

Cast on 1 st using backwards loop method, *K1, k2togtbl, slip these 2 sts back on to LH needle purlwise; rep from * until 2 sts left, **cast off** in the usual way.

FRONT

Cast on 72 sts, using 6mm needles and Yarn A.
Knit 2 rows.

Begin Chart A.
Work Rows 1 to 62 once through, then repeat Rows 1 to 10 once more. Carry colours up the side if a few rows until the next use.

Cut the yarn if there are more than 6 rows, leaving a 5cm tail to be sewn in later.

Change to 5.5mm needles and break all yarns except Yarn A.
Continuing with Yarn A only, knit 2 rows.
Cast off and cut yarn leaving 5cm tail.

Sew in any ends on either side.

BUTTONBAND BACK

The Back is worked in 2 halves with a buttonband closure along the centre.
With RS facing, using 5.5mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 72 sts along the side of the Front piece.
Change to 6mm needles.
Knit 1 row.
Begin Chart A working Rows 1 to 35.

BUTTONBAND

Change to 5.5mm needles and break Yarns D and E.
Beginning with WS and Yarn A knit 1 row.
Change to Yarn B, knit 2 rows
Change to Yarn C, knit 2 rows
Change to Yarn B, knit 2 rows
Change to Yarn A, knit 2 rows
Cast off using i-cord cast off.

BUTTONHOLE BACK

With RS facing, using 5.5mm needles and Yarn A pick up and knit 72 sts along other side of the Front piece.
Change to 6mm needles.
Knit 1 row.
Begin Chart A working Rows 1 to 35.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Change to 5.5mm needles and break Yarns C, D and E.
Beginning with WS and Yarn A knit 4 rows.
Change to Yarn B.
Eyelet row (WS) P1, *p2tog, yo; rep * to last 3 sts p2tog, P1. [71 sts]
Knit 1 row.
Change to Yarn A, knit 3 rows.
Cast off using I-cord cast off.

FINISHING

1 Sew in any ends on WS.
2 Block by steaming lightly on WS.
3 Join the side of the Buttonband Back to cushion Front using mattress stitch finishing at beginning of Buttonband.
4 Join the side of the Buttonhole Back to cushion Front placing Buttonhole Band over Buttonband and stitching through both bands.
5 Attach buttons, spacing evenly on the garter ridges a button at the centre and 2 buttons either side every 7.5cm.
6 Insert cushion and button up.

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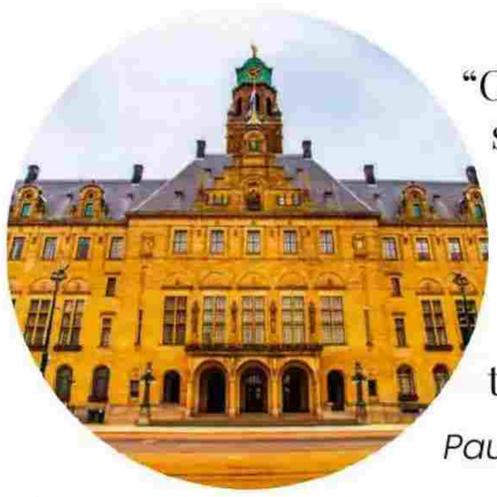

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Pure Alpaca (DK, 100% alpaca, 50g/100m) ***For yarn quantities and measurements see size table***
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

23 sts and 29 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.75mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77

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RUFFLE-EDGED JUMPER

BACK

Cast on 272 (302: 338: 374: 410: 440: 476: 512: 554) sts using 3.25mm needles.

Row 1 (RS) *K2tog; rep from * to end.
[136 (151: 169: 187: 205: 220: 238: 256: 277) sts]

Row 2 P1, *p2tog, P1; rep from * to end.
[91 (101: 113: 125: 137: 147: 159: 171: 185) sts]

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

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

Last 2 rows form rib.

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

Change to 3.75mm needles.

Beg with a K row, now work in st st throughout as folls:

Work 4 (4: 4: 4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 6) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS) K9, k2togtbl, K to last 11 sts, k2tog, K9.

Working all decreases as set by last row, dec 1 st at each end of 8th and 3 foll 6th rows. [81 (91: 103: 115: 127: 137: 149: 161: 175) sts]

Work 11 (11: 13: 13: 13: 13: 15: 15: 15) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS) K3, M1, K to last 3 sts, M1, K3.

Working all increases as set by last row, inc 1 st at each end of 6th and 3 foll 6th rows, then on 2 foll 8th rows.
[95 (105: 117: 129: 141: 151: 163: 175: 189) sts]

Cont straight until Back meas 35 (36: 36.5: 37: 37.5: 38: 38: 39: 39) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[87 (95: 105: 115: 125: 133: 143: 153: 165) sts]

Dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (5: 7: 7: 9: 9: 11: 11: 13) rows, then on foll 3 (5: 5: 7: 6: 7: 8: 11: 13) alt rows.
[71 (75: 81: 87: 95: 101: 105: 109: 113) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 4 (5:

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	82.5	91.5	101.5	112	122.5	131.5	141.5	152	164.5
	in	32½	36	40	44	48¼	51¾	55¾	59¾	64¾
LENGTH	cm	57	59	61	63	65	67	68	70	71
	in	22½	23¼	24	24¾	25½	26½	26¾	27½	28
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	45	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	17¼	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN		**Rowan Pure Alpaca (DK, 50g/100m)**								
Peony (119)		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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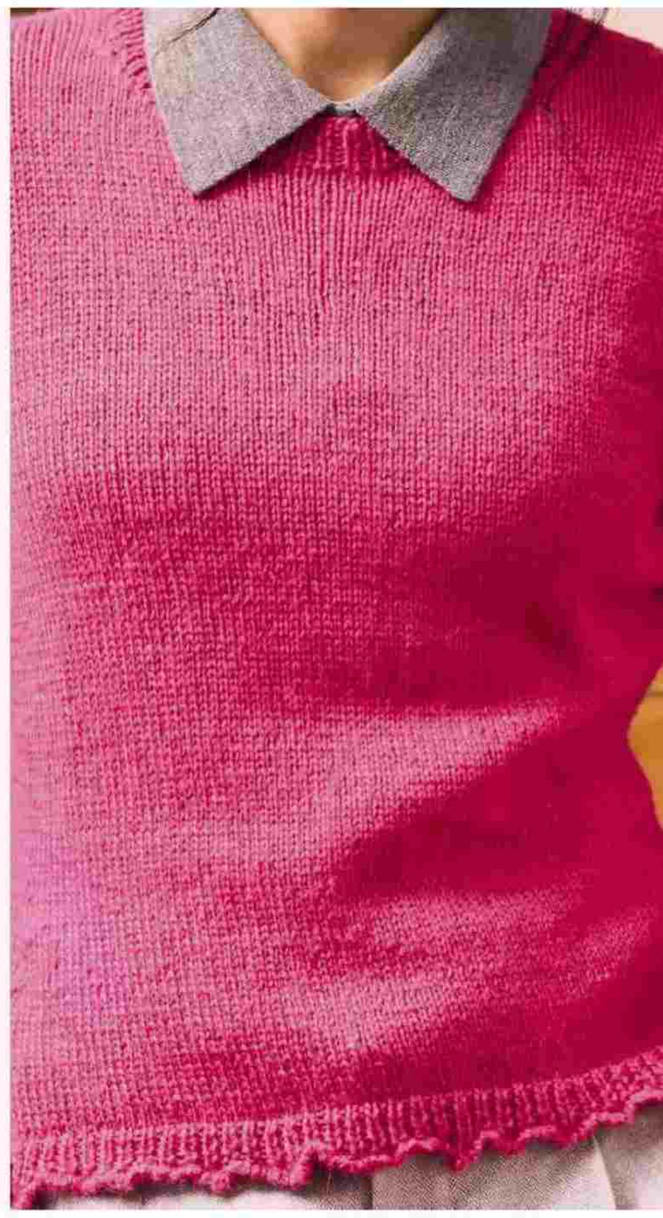


5:6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at beg of foll 2 rows.
[55 (57: 61: 63: 67: 73: 73: 77: 77) sts]

SHAPE BACK NECK

Next row (RS) **Cast off** 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts, K until there are 8 (8: 9: 9: 10: 11: 11: 12: 12) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.
Work each side of neck separately.
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row.
Cast off rem 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts.
With RS facing, slip centre 29 (31: 31: 33: 33: 35: 35: 35: 35) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin yarn and K to end.
Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

FRONT

Work as given for Back until 18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 22: 22: 22: 24) rows less have been worked than on Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K28 (29: 32: 35: 39: 42: 44: 46: 49) and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder.
Work each side of neck separately.
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 6 rows, then on foll 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5) alt rows, then on foll 4th row.
[19 (20: 23: 25: 29: 31: 33: 35: 37) sts]

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

SHAPE SHOULDER

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6: 7: 7: 8: 8: 9) sts at beg of next and foll 1 (0: 1: 2: 2: 1: 2: 1: 2) alt rows, then 5 (5: 6: -: -: 8: -: 9: -) sts at beg of foll 1 (2: 1: -: -: 1: -: 1: -) alt rows AND AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge of next row.
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem 5 (5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9) sts.
With RS facing, slip centre 15 (17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 15) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin yarn and K to end.
Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

SLEEVES

Cast on 152 (158: 164: 170: 170: 176: 176: 182: 182) sts using 3.25mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) *K2tog; rep from * to end.
[76 (79: 82: 85: 85: 88: 88: 91: 91) sts]
Row 2 P1, *p2tog, P1; rep from * to end.
[51 (53: 55: 57: 57: 59: 59: 61: 61) sts]
Now work in rib as given for Back for 6 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3.75mm needles.
Beg with a K row, now work in st st throughout as folls:
Working all Sleeve increases in same way as side seam increases, inc 1 st at each end of 9th (9th: 7th: 7th: 5th: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd: 3rd) and every foll 12th (10th: 8th: 8th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row to 69 (65: 67: 85: 81: 97: 73: 81: 93) sts, then on every foll – (12th: 10th: -: 8th: -: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are - (73: 79: -: 91: -: 101: 105: 109) sts.

RUFFLE-EDGED JUMPER

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

SHAPE TOP

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 7: 8: 9: 10: 11: 12) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[61 (63: 67: 71: 75: 79: 81: 83: 85) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll 2 alt rows, then on 5 foll 4th rows. [41 (43: 47: 51: 55: 59: 61: 63: 65) sts]
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 35 sts rem, then on foll 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. [25 sts]
Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Cast off rem 17 sts.

MAKING UP

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

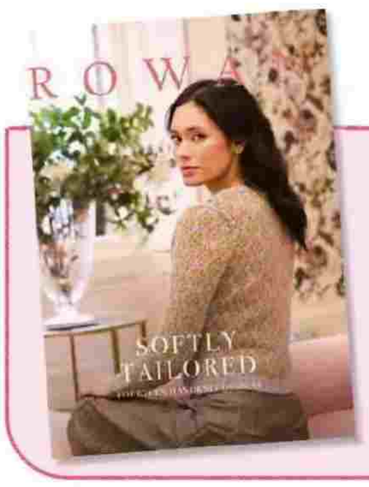
NECKBAND

With RS facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 26: 26: 26: 28) sts down left side of Front neck, K across 15 (17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 17: 15) sts on Front holder, pick up and knit 22 (22: 22: 24: 24: 26: 26: 26: 28) sts up right side of Front neck, and 3 sts down right side of Back neck, K across 29 (31: 31: 33: 33: 35: 35: 35: 35) sts on Back holder inc 1 st at centre, then pick up and knit 3 sts up left side of Back neck.
[95 (99: 99: 105: 105: 111: 111: 111: 113) sts]

Beg with row 2, work in rib as given for Back for 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Place centre of cast-off edge of Sleeve to shoulder seam. Set in Sleeve, easing sleevehead into armhole. Join side and Sleeve seams.



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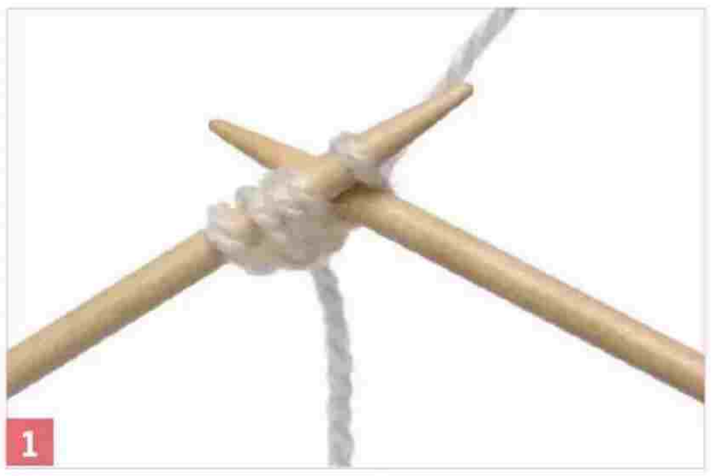
CABLE CAST-ON METHOD Use it for a firm edge, and when adding stitches to your work



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.

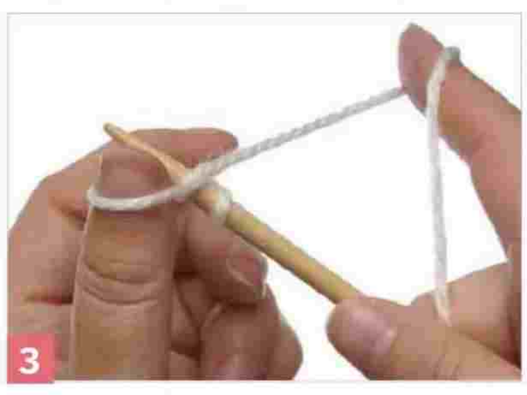
Push the point of the right-hand needle between the first and second stitches. Wrap the yarn anti-clockwise around the point of the right-hand needle.

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.

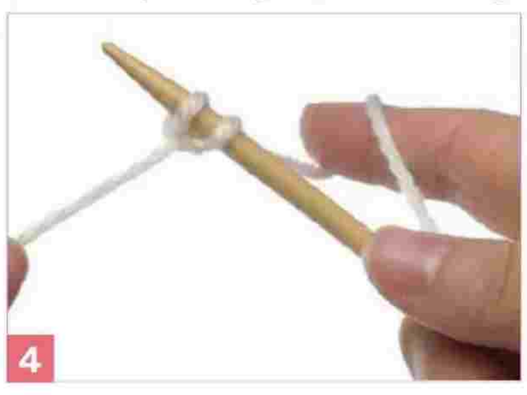
THUMB CAST-ON METHOD A great all rounder, use it to cast on stitches quickly and easily

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.

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.



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

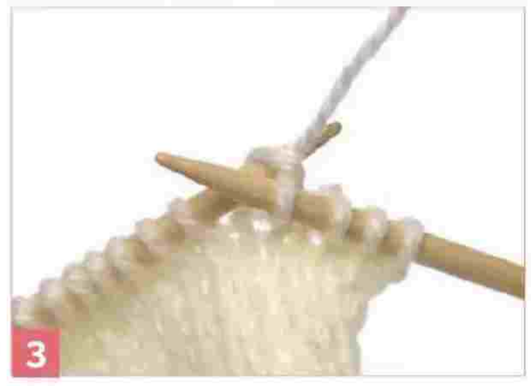


Draw the yarn through the thumb loop and then between the arms of the cross. Slip your thumb out and pull to tighten the stitch. Repeat from Step 2.

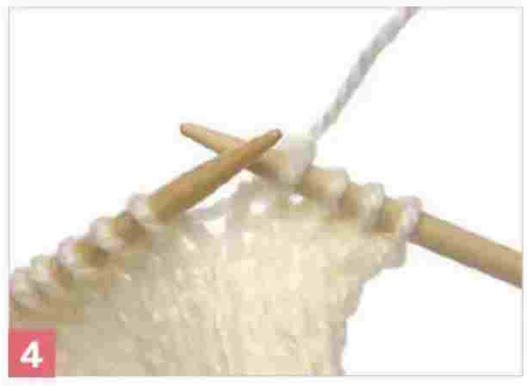
KNIT Follow our simple steps to make the most important stitch you'll learn

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.

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.



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.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
foll/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand 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
mrk marker
P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop
pwise (purlwise) by purling the stitch
rem remain/remaining
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/ DPNs)
RS right side
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together
w&t (wrap and turn) take the yarn to the opposite side of the work between the needles, slip the next st to the right-hand needle, take the yarn back to the other side of the work between the needles, slip the stitch back to the left-hand needle.
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

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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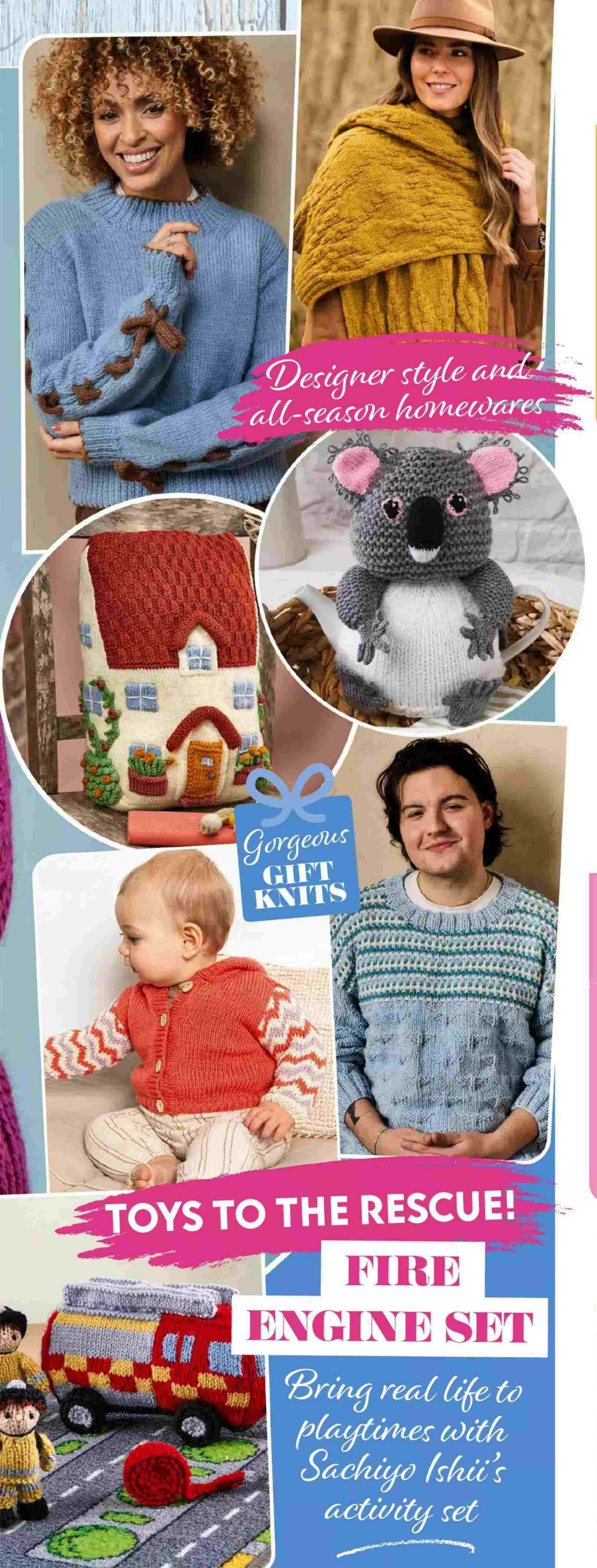

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"Flowers, butterflies, birds and rainbows to brighten up a badly graffitied wall on the main road into my home."

Cory Sydee
Technical Editor
"I'd clear out all my stash and yarn bomb London Bridge for all to see, because it would look amazing!"

Sophie Jordan
Deputy Editor
"I'd create an open air yarn forest packed with trees and a bluebell meadow, and ask people to pay to view it, giving the proceeds to charity."

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"I would yarn bomb the bike racks and bus stops in my city, to encourage people to use more environmentally conscious transport!"

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EGG HEADS

Practice your shaping skills with a bonnie beanie for your healthy breakfast. By **Becca Parker**

STITCH of the month

EGG COSIES

EASY TO KNIT

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Create DK (100% acrylic, 290m per 100g) 1 ball in Antique Gold (3145)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Tapestry needle

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

MEASUREMENTS

14cm (5½in) circumference
6cm (2½in) tall without ears

WHERE TO BUY

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"Small knits like these are great for practicing your increases and decreases. If you go wrong you won't have to frog too much to get back on track."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

EGG COSIES

Notes The three egg cosies are worked the same – knitted flat then seamed – then finished with either bunny, cat or bear ears and embroidered facial features.

EGG COSIES (MAKE 3)

Cast on 28 sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Row 3 Purl.
Rows 4 to 19 Rep Rows 2 to 3 eight times.
Row 20 (K2tog) 14 times. [14 sts]
Row 21 Purl.
Row 22 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]
Row 23 Purl.
Row 24 (K2tog) 3 times, K1. [4 sts]
Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing up.

BUNNY EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Row 3 Purl.
Rows 4 to 17 Rep Rows 2 to 3 seven times.
Row 18 K2tog, K2, ssk. [4 sts]
Row 19 Purl.
Row 20 K2tog, ssk. [2 sts]
Row 21 Purl.
Cast off. Fasten off and weave in ends.

CAT EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 (RS) Purl.
Rows 4 to 5 Rep Rows 2 to 3.
Row 6 K2tog, K2, ssk. [4 sts]
Row 7 Purl.
Row 8 K2tog, ssk. [2 sts]
Row 9 Purl.
Row 10 K2tog.
Cast off and weave in ends.

BEAR EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 (RS) Knit.
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 (Kfb) 3 times. [6 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Row 8 Kfb, K4, kfb. [8 sts]
Row 9 Purl.
Row 10 Kfb, K6, kfb. [10 sts]
Cast off purlwise.
Fasten off leaving a yarn tail for sewing up.

MAKING UP

Use yarn tail to seam the back of each egg cosy with mattress stitch.
Bunny With RS facing, fold the base of the Ears and carefully sew them into place on top of one of the egg cosies. Stitch a nose, mouth and whiskers using the photo as a guide. You may wish to add a small matching pompom to the back of the Bunny Egg Cosy. Weave in all ends.
Cat With RS facing, carefully sew the Ears into place on top of one of the cosies. Stitch a nose, mouth, and whiskers using the photo as a guide. Weave in all ends.
Bear Using the yarn tail, sew a running stitch along the bottom edge of the Ear – use this as a drawstring to gather into a curved cup shape. With RS facing, carefully sew the Ears into place on top of one of the cosies. Stitch a nose and mouth using the photo as a guide. Weave in all ends.

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Packed with great knitting techniques

Seasonal knits for littles, featuring playful patterns for mini adventurers

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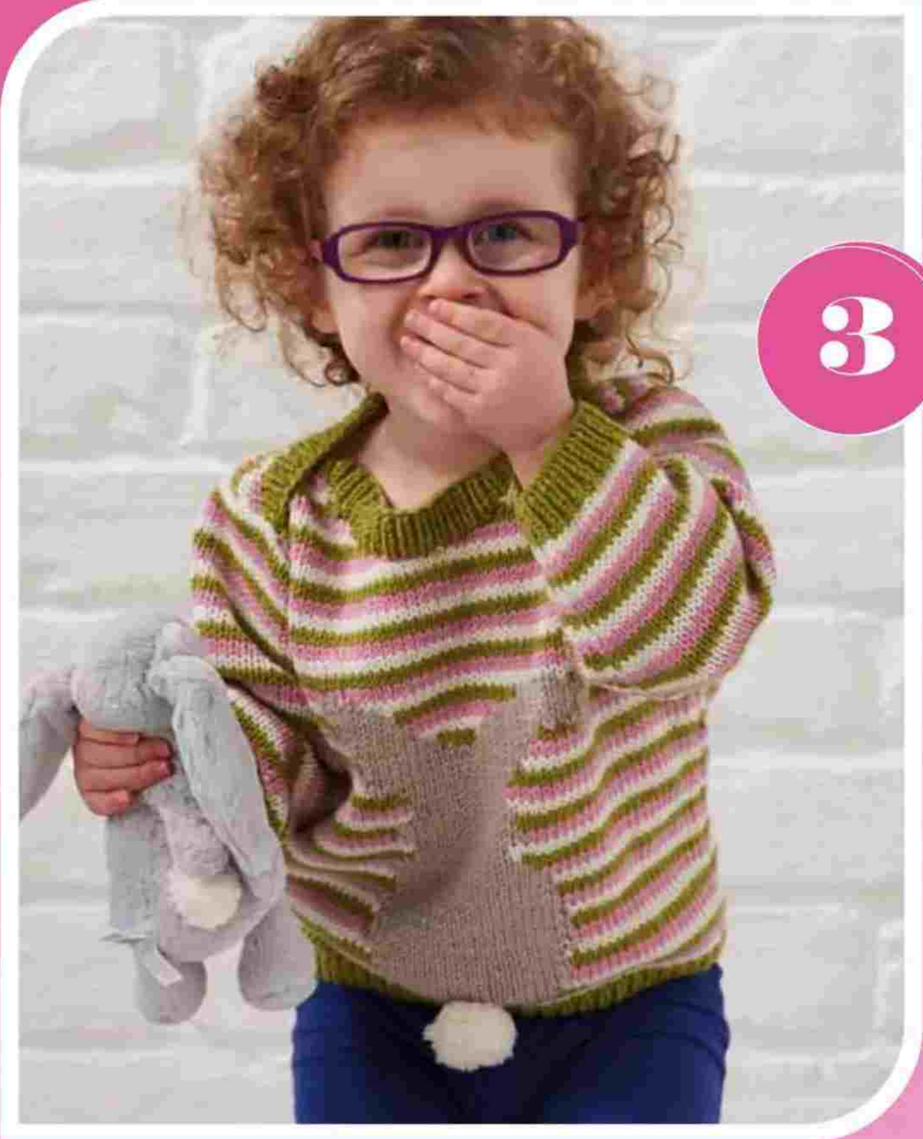

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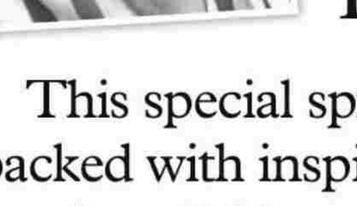
Hello!

Fill your needles with the joy of spring and Easter knitting…

This special spring supplement for kids is packed with inspiration designed to get your needles clicking. Challenge your colourwork skills with a playful bunny jumper using intarsia, create delicate stranded motifs on spring-themed socks, and enjoy shaping techniques with our chick and cuddly lamb toys. Whether you're honing your skills or looking for a new cast-on, these patterns promise plenty of knitting fun.



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HAPPY HOPPER

We guarantee there will be no hot cross bunnies when you cast on this fun jumper by **Ruth Maddock**

Perfect *your* intarsia!

KIDS' BUNNY JUMPER

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Debbie Bliss Rialto DK (100% Merino wool, 50g/105m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

w&t (Knit side of work) Knit required number of sts, yf, slip next st, yb, slip the same stitch back onto left hand needle. Turn work, purl to end
w&t (Purl side of work) Purl required number of sts, slip next st, yb, slip the same stitch back onto left hand needle. Turn work, yb and knit to end

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

KEY

- Yarn D
- Work Stripe pattern as set

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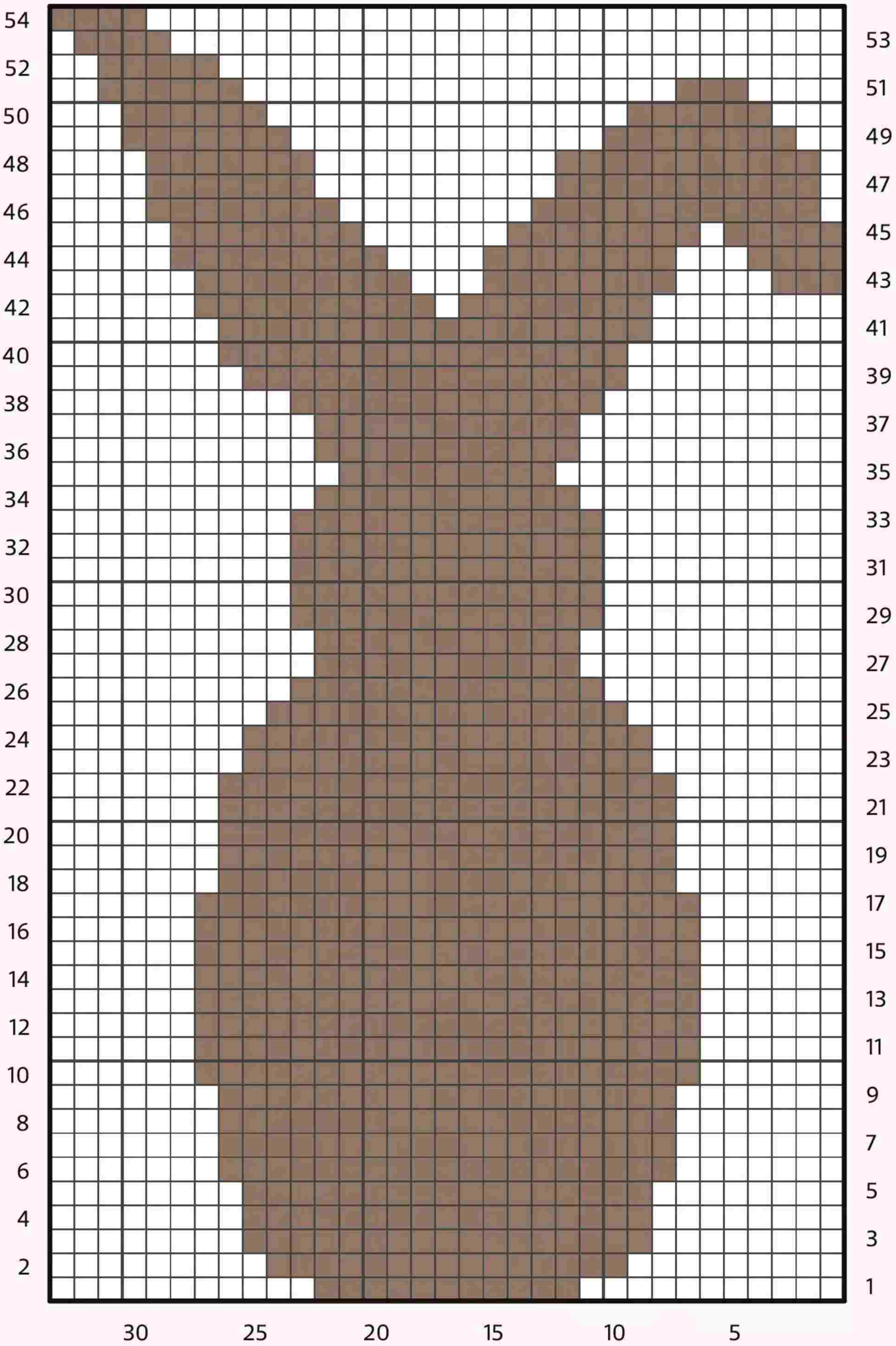


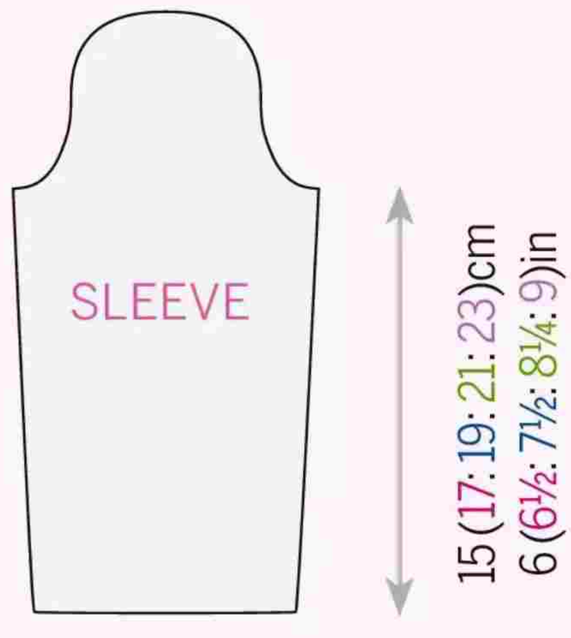
FIND YOUR SIZE

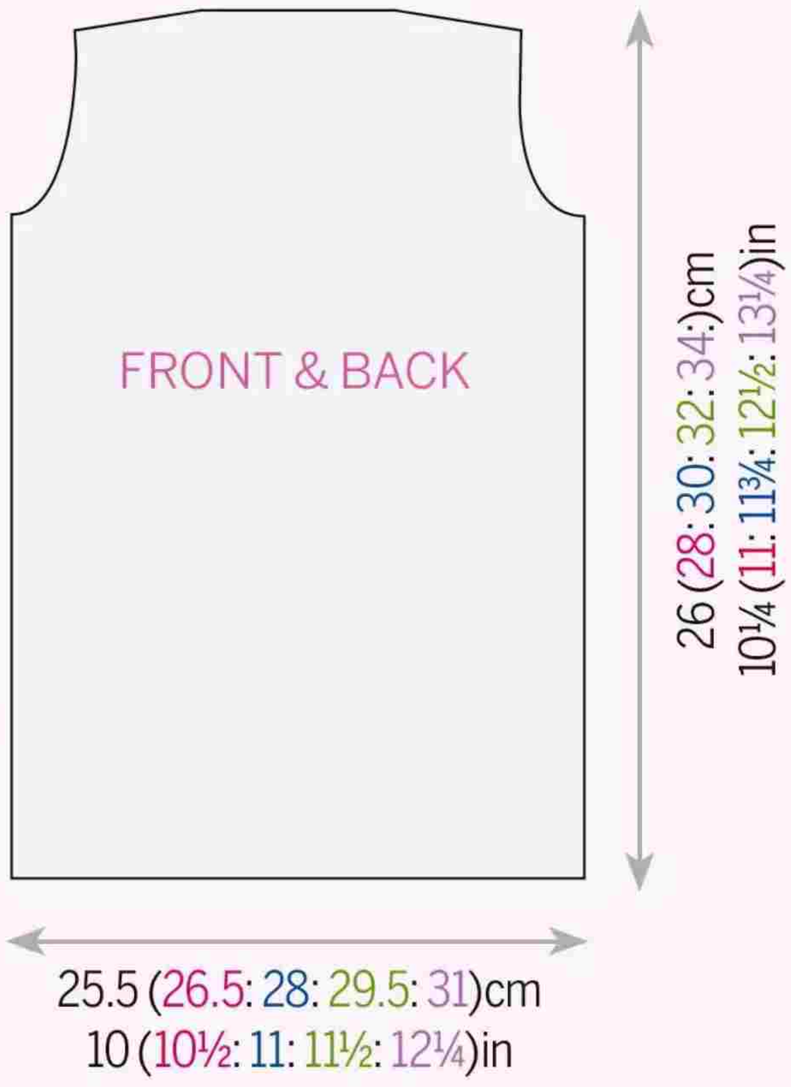
SIZE		0-6m	6-12m	12-18m	18-24m	24-36m
TO FIT CHEST	cm	46	48.5	51	53.5	56
	in	18	19	20	21	22
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	52	53.5	57	59	62.5
	in	20½	21	22½	23¼	24½
LENGTH	cm	26	28	30	32	34
	in	10¼	11	11¾	12½	13¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	15	17	19	21	23
	in	6	6½	7½	8¼	9
YARN		**Debbie Bliss Rialto DK (50g/105m balls)**				
Yarn A Pink (42)		1	1	2	2	3
Yarn B Ecru (02)		1	2	2	2	3
Yarn C Apple (09)		2	2	2	2	3
Yarn D Stone (06)		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

TOP TIP

For successful intarsia knitting, keep your yarn tension consistent throughout, twist your yarn strands when changing colour and use a separate ball or bobbin for each yarn.





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

KIDS' BUNNY JUMPER

BACK

Cast on 57 (59: 63: 65: 69) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.
Work in single rib as follows:
Row 1 K2, *P1, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 2 K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Rep these 2 rows twice more.

Change to 4mm needles and Yarn B and work in 2 row stripes of st st, starting with a knit row, repeating the colour sequence:
2 rows Yarn B
2 rows Yarn A
2 rows Yarn C
for 42 (46: 50: 54: 58) rows, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE

Continue in Stripe Pattern, **cast off** 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [53 (55: 59: 61: 65) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end of foll 2 (2: 3: 3: 4) alt rows.
[45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts]

Now cont in patt until work measures 10 (10.5: 11: 11.5: 12)cm from beg of armhole shaping, ending with a RS row.
Place marker for shoulder at armhole edge.

SHAPE OVERLAP
LEFT SIDE

Keeping Stripe Pattern correct work as follows:
Next row P9, w&t, K9.
Next row P6, w&t, K6.
Next row P3, w&t, K3.
Next row Purl across all 45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts.

SHAPE OVERLAP
RIGHT SIDE

Keeping stripe pattern correct work as follows:
Next row K9, w&t, P9.
Next row K6, w&t, P6.
Next row K3, w&t, P3.
Change to Yarn C and working across all 45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts, work 1 row knit then 5 rows single rib as given for beginning of Back.
Cast off in rib.

FRONT

Work as given for the Back until 4 (4: 4: 8: 12) rows of stripe pattern have been worked, then cont working in stripe pattern and work from the Chart, working the first row as foll:

Chart Row 1 K12 (13: 15: 16: 18), PM, work Row 1 of Chart maintaining stripe pattern, PM, knit to end.
Chart Row 2 P12 (13: 15: 16: 18), sl SM, work Row 2 of Chart maintaining stripe pattern, sl SM, purl to end.
Last 2 rows set Chart placement.
Cont as set, slipping markers, until 38 (42: 46: 46: 46) rows of Chart are complete.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cont to work stripe pattern and Chart as set, AT THE SAME TIME shaping armholes as for Back until all 54 rows of Chart are complete, then cont in stripe pattern until work measures 5.5 (5.5: 6.5: 7: 7.5)cm from beg of armhole shaping, ending with a WS row. [45 (47: 49: 51: 53) sts]

SHAPE NECK AND SHOULDERS

Next row Knit across first 21 (21: 22: 23: 23) sts, **cast off** centre 3 (5: 5: 5: 7) sts, knit to end. Turn and work on this last group of 21 (21: 22: 23: 23) sts only as follows:
Next row (WS) Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.
[1 st dec'd]
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to end.
[2 sts dec'd]

Rep the last 2 rows once more.
[15 (15: 16: 17: 17) sts]

Now cont in st st and dec 1 st at neck edge only of next 2 rows then dec 1 st at neck edge of foll 2 alt rows. [11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts]

Cont in st st until work measures 9.5 (10: 10.5: 11: 11.5)cm from beg of armhole shaping, ending

with a RS row at armhole edge.
Place marker for shoulder at armhole edge.

SHAPE OVERLAP

Keeping stripe pattern correct work as folls:
Next row P9, w&t, K9.
Next row P6, w&t, K6.
Next row P3, w&t, K3.
Next row Purl across all 11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts.
Leave sts on a stitch holder.

Using 4mm needles rejoin yarn to rem sts at neck edge, with WS facing and work on these 21 (21: 22: 23: 23) sts as folls:
Next row (WS) **Cast off** 2 sts, purl to end.
[2 sts dec'd]
Next row (RS) Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.
[1 st dec'd]
Rep the last 2 rows once more.
[15 (15: 16: 17: 17) sts]

Now cont in st st and dec 1 st at neck edge only of next 2 rows then dec 1 st at neck edge of foll 2 alt rows. [11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts]

Now cont in st st until work measures 9.5 (10: 10.5: 11: 11.5)cm from beg of armhole shaping, ending with a WS row at armhole edge.
Place marker for shoulder at armhole edge.

SHAPE OVERLAP

Keeping Stripe Pattern correct work as folls:
Next row K9, w&t, P9.
Next row K6 w&t, P6.
Next row K3, w&t, P3.
Next row Purl across all 11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts.
Leave sts on a stitch holder

SLEEVES

Cast on 33 (33: 35: 37: 39) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.
Work in rib as given for Back for 6 rows.

Change to 4mm needles and Yarn B and work in stripe pattern as given for the Back, AT THE SAME TIME inc 1 st at each end of next row and every foll 6th row until there are 41 (43: 47: 49: 51) sts. Now cont without shaping until work measures 15 (17: 19: 21: 23)cm, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE TOP OF SLEEVE

Continue in Stripe Pattern and **cast off** 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. [37 (39: 43: 45: 47) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end of foll 4 (4: 5: 5: 6) alt rows.
[25 (27: 29: 31: 31) sts]
Work 4 (4: 2: 2: 2) rows without shaping.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows.
[19 (21: 23: 25: 25) sts]
Cast off 6 (7: 7: 8: 8) sts at beg of next 2 rows, **cast off** rem 7 (7: 9: 9: 9) sts.

FRONT NECKBAND

Using 4mm needles and Yarn C and working from the RS of work, knit across the 11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts of right shoulder, pick up and knit 31 (33: 35: 37: 39) sts evenly around front neckline, then knit across the 11 (11: 12: 13: 13) sts of left shoulder.
Work 5 rows single rib as given.
Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

1 Press pieces according to ball band instructions.
2 Place Back so that shaped section of Back shoulder lays on top of the shaped section of Front shoulder, matching markers.
3 Loosely sew the overlapped rows together at armhole edge only.
4 Sew Sleeves seams and side seams.
5 Place the centre point of the top of the Sleeve to the marker.
6 With right sides together pin the Sleeve into the armholes, sew into place using small backstitches. Sew in all ends.
7 Make a pompom using Yarn B and attach it to the bunny motif.

KNIT *for* spring birthdays!

LITTLE LAMBKINS

Up the cute factor with **Angela Turner**'s sweet lamb knit, complete with double moss stitch fleece

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Baby Merino (100% extra fine Merino wool, 50g/175m) 1 ball each of
  Yarn A Cream (02)
  Yarn B Grey (22)
- ☐ A pair of 2.75mm needles
- ☐ Scraps of black yarn or embroidery thread
- ☐ Toy stuffing

TENSION

24 sts and 32 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 2.75mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 10cm (4in) tall and 20cm (8in) long

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* mag

WHERE TO BUY

☐ **For yarn stockist details visit DROPS at www.garnstudio.com**

SHEEP TOY

DOUBLE MOSS STITCH PATTERN

Row 1 K2, P2.
Row 2 K2, P2.
Row 3 P2, K2.
Row 4 P2, K2.

BODY

Cast on 16 sts using Yarn A.
Work 6 rows of double moss st.
Next row Inc once at beg and end of row in patt. [18 sts]
Work 7 rows double moss st.
Rep these 8 rows three more times. [24 sts]
Work a further 8 rows without shaping.
Next row Dec one st at beg and end of row in patt. [22 sts]
Work 7 rows double moss st.
Rep these 8 rows three more times. [16 sts]
Cast off.

FRONT AND REAR (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using Yarn A.
Work 2 rows in double moss st.
Next row Inc once at beg and end of row in patt. [6 sts]
Work 1 row double moss st.
Rep last 2 rows twice more. [10 sts]
Work 2 more rows double moss st.
Next row Inc once at beg and end of row in patt. [12 sts]
Work 3 rows double moss st.
Next row Inc once at beg and end of row in patt. [14 sts]
Work 5 rows double moss st.
Next row Dec once at beg and end of row in patt. [12 sts]
Work 3 rows double moss st.
Next row Dec once at beg and end of row in patt. [10 sts]
Work 1 row double moss st.
Next row Dec once at beg and end of row in patt. [8 sts]
Cast off.

HEAD

Cast on 10 sts using Yarn B.
Purl one row.
Next row Inc in every st. [20 sts]
Beg with a purl row, st st 3 rows.
Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. [30 sts]
St st 5 rows.
Change to Yarn A and inc in every st. [60 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row Using Yarn B, knit to end.

Next row Purl.
Change to Yarn A and cont without further shaping, working 2 rows Yarn A, 2 rows Yarn B until there are 3 Yarn A stripes.
Keeping stripe patt correct, cont as folls:
Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. [45 sts]
St st 3 rows.
Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [15 sts]
Next row Purl.
Cut yarn and thread through sts.

EARS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using Yarn B.
Next row Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [8 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row (K1, inc 1) to end. [12 sts]
St st 7 rows.
Next row (K2tog, k2, k2tog) to end. [8 sts]
St st 3 rows.
Next row (K2tog) to end. [4 sts]
Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows.
Cast off.

LEGS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 7 sts using Yarn B.
Next row Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. [14 sts]
St st 3 rows.
Change to Yarn A and st st 2 rows.
Change to Yarn B and st st 2 rows.
Rep these 4 rows once then first 2 rows again.
Cast off.

TAIL

Cast on 8 sts using Yarn A.
Work 10 rows of double moss st.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

1 Join Head seam, turn right side out and stuff with polyester filling. Gather up sts at top of Head and secure.

2 Run some sts around muzzle where the Yarn B part meets stripes and gather tightly. Cut yarn and secure. Use black yarn or embroidery thread to make a double knot eye then sew to face at base of first Yarn A stripe. Make a second and sew this one at other side. Use backstitches to embroider the details for the nose and mouth. Cut all ends and secure tightly.
3 Fold Ears and join seams. Turn right side out and sew to top of Head, slightly below eye level.
4 Fold Body in half and pin front to one side. Sew around edge. Repeat with other side, leaving a gap for turning and stuffing. Join along top Body. Turn right side out and stuff. Join gap together. Join head to Body securely.
5 Join each Leg seam, turn right side out and stuff firmly. Attach to underside of Body. Fold Tail in half and sew along bottom and side seam. Turn right side out and sew along top. Attach firmly to rear of Body. Cut all ends and secure tightly.

NOT TOO *tricky!*

BUNNY HUGS

We love socks and sandals and this great knit is the perfect project to show off proudly this spring. By **DROPS**

✻ RABBIT SOCKS

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Karisma (DK, 100% wool, 50g/100m)
  2 balls of
  Yarn A Light Oak (77)
  1 ball each of
  Yarn B Off White (01)
  Yarn C Sea Green (50)
  Yarn D Light Beige brown (55)
  Yarn E Rose (80)
  Yarn F Desert Rose (84)
- ☐ A set of 3mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ A set of 3.5mm DPNs
- ☐ Stitch markers

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

To fit foot circ
18 (20: 22: 23.5)cm
[7 (7¾: 8¾: 9¼)in]
Actual foot circ
20 (22: 24: 25.5)cm
[7¾ (8¾: 9½: 10)in]
Actual foot length
22 (24: 26: 28)cm
[8¾ (9½: 10¼: 11)in]
Actual leg height
Approx 22 (22: 23: 23)cm
[8¾ (8¾: 9¼: 9¼)in]

ABBREVIATIONS

sppo Sl1 st as if to purl, P1 and pass the slipped stitch over the purled stitch

For a full list see page 77 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

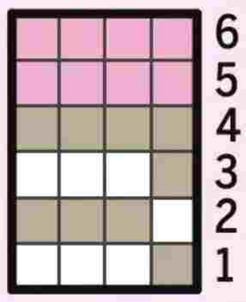
WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ **For yarn stockist details visit DROPS at www.garnstudio.com**

KEY

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

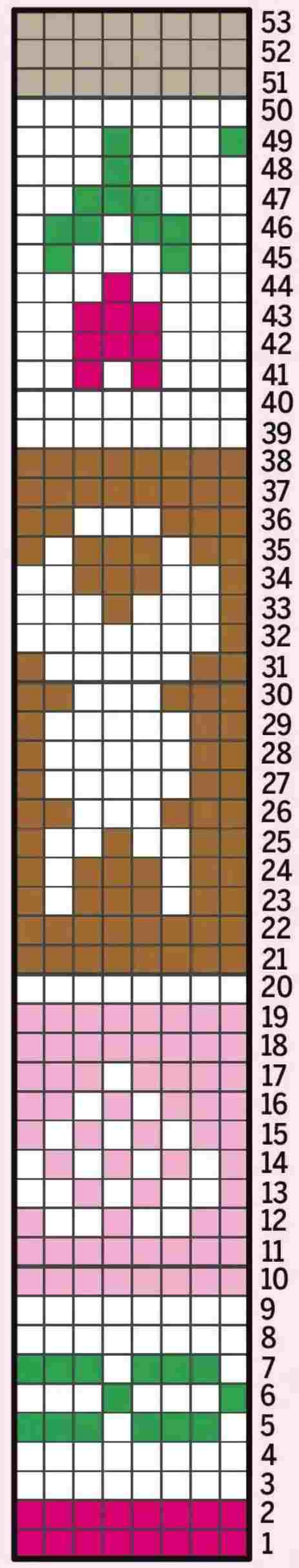
CHART B



HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

CHART A



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RABBIT SOCKS

LEG

Cast on 64 (64: 68: 68) sts with 3mm DPNs and Yarn D.
Knit 1 round, then work 1 round of K2, P2 rib.
Change to Yarn E and continue with rib until the piece measures 4 (4: 5: 5)cm.
Knit 1 round where you decrease 8 (8: 4: 4) sts evenly spaced. [56 (56: 64: 64) sts]

Change to 3.5mm DPNs.

Work Chart A 7 (7: 8: 8) times in width on the round AND AT THE SAME TIME on round 38 of Chart, decrease 8 (0: 8: 8) sts evenly spaced. [48 (56: 56: 56) sts] and on round 52 of Chart, decrease 0 (4: 0: 0) sts evenly spaced. [48 (52: 56: 56) sts]

When Chart A is finished the piece measures approx 22 (22: 23: 23)cm. If the piece is shorter than this continue with stocking stitch in Yarn A to the correct length.

HEEL FLAP

Continue with Yarn A as follows: Knit the first 12 (13: 14: 14) sts and keep them on the needle for the heel, place the next 24 (26: 28: 28) sts on a thread (top of foot) and keep the last 12 (13: 14: 14) sts on the needle for the heel.
[24 (26: 28: 28) heel sts]
Work st st back and forth with Yarn A for 6 (6: 6½: 7)cm. Insert 1 marker in the middle of the last row – the foot is measured from this marker.

HEEL DECREASES

Row 1 (RS) Knit until there are 7 (7: 7: 7) sts left, skpo, turn the piece.
Row 2 (WS) Purl until there are 7 (7: 7: 7) sts left, sppo, turn the piece.
Row 3 (RS) Knit until there are 6 (6: 6: 6) sts left, skpo, turn the piece.
Row 4 (WS) Purl until there are 6 (6: 6: 6) sts left, sppo, turn the piece.
Continue to decrease like this, working until there is 1 stitch less each time before slipping a stitch and until there are 12 (14: 16: 16) sts left on the needle.

GUSSET

Now continue in the round as follows: Knit the 12 (14: 16: 16 heel) sts, knit up 13 (13: 14: 15) sts along one side of the heel, knit the 24 (26: 28: 28) sts from the thread and knit up 13 (13: 14: 15) sts along the other side of the heel.
[62 (66: 72: 74) sts]
Work to the middle of the heel – the round now starts here.
Insert 1 marker on each side of the 24 (26: 28: 28) sts on top of the foot.
Work st st and decrease on each side as follows: k2tog the last 2 sts before the first marker and k2togtbl the first 2 sts after the second marker.
Decrease like this every round a total of 3 times and every 2nd round a total of 6 (6: 7: 6) times.
[44 (48: 52: 56) sts]

FOOT

Continue working until the Foot measures 16 (17: 19: 20)cm from the marker on the heel and measured under the foot.
Work Chart B in the round.
When Chart B is finished, continue with st st and Yarn D until the Foot measures 18 (19: 21: 22)cm from the marker on the heel and measured under the Foot. AT THE SAME TIME, on the last round decrease 2 (2: 2: 0) sts evenly spaced.
[42 (46: 50: 56) sts]
There is approx 4 (5: 5: 6)cm left; try the sock on and work to desired length.

TOE

Insert 1 marker on each side, with 21 (23: 25: 28) sts on top of and underneath the foot.

Work st st with Yarn D and AT THE SAME TIME, on the first round dec on each side of both markers as foll:
Start 3 sts before the marker, k2tog, knit 2 (marker sits between these 2 sts), skpo (2 sts dec'd). Repeat at the second marker.
[4 sts dec'd].

Dec like this every 2nd round a total of 5 times, then every round 3 (4: 5: 7)times.
[10 (10: 10: 8) sts]
Cut the strand, pull it through the remaining sts, tighten and fasten well.

The foot measures approx 22 (24: 26: 28)cm measured under the foot.

Work the other sock in the same way.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band.

STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO KNIT SKPO

SLIP 1, KNIT 1, PASS SLIPPED STITCH OVER

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

2 Knit the next stitch as normal.

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

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

MISS CHIRPS

Crack open a brand new knit this Easter and whip up a flock of **Claire Fairall**'s feathered friends

Perfect your SHAPING

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
1 ball of each
Yarn A Citron (1263)
Yarn B Clementine (1853)
Yarn C Fondant (1241)
Yarn D White (1001)
☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles.
☐ Toy stuffing
☐ 2 safety eyes, 1.5cm diameter
☐ Blunt yarn needle

TENSION

20 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Height 30cm (11¾in)
Head circumference 36cm (14¼in)
Body circumference 40cm (15¾in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

☐ **For yarn stockist details call 01484 848435 or visit Stylecraft at www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk**

CHICK TOY
BODY AND HEAD

Cast on 8 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Starting at the base.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb; rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]
Row 2 and all even-numbered rows Purl.
Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 5 *K2, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [32 sts]
Row 7 *K3, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Row 9 *K4, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]
Row 11 *K5, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [56 sts]
Row 13 *K6, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [64 sts]
Row 15 *K7, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [72 sts]
Row 17 *K8, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [80 sts]
Rows 18 to 36 Beg with a P row, work in st for 19 rows.
Row 37 *K8, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [72 sts]
Row 39 *K7, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [64 sts]
Row 41 *K6, k2tog; rep from *to end of row. [56 sts]
Row 43 *K5, k2tog; rep from* to end of row. [48 sts]
Row 45 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Row 47 *K3, k2tog; rep from *to end of row. [32 sts]
Row 48 Purl. PM on this row for neck gather.
Row 49 *K3, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Row 51 *K4, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]

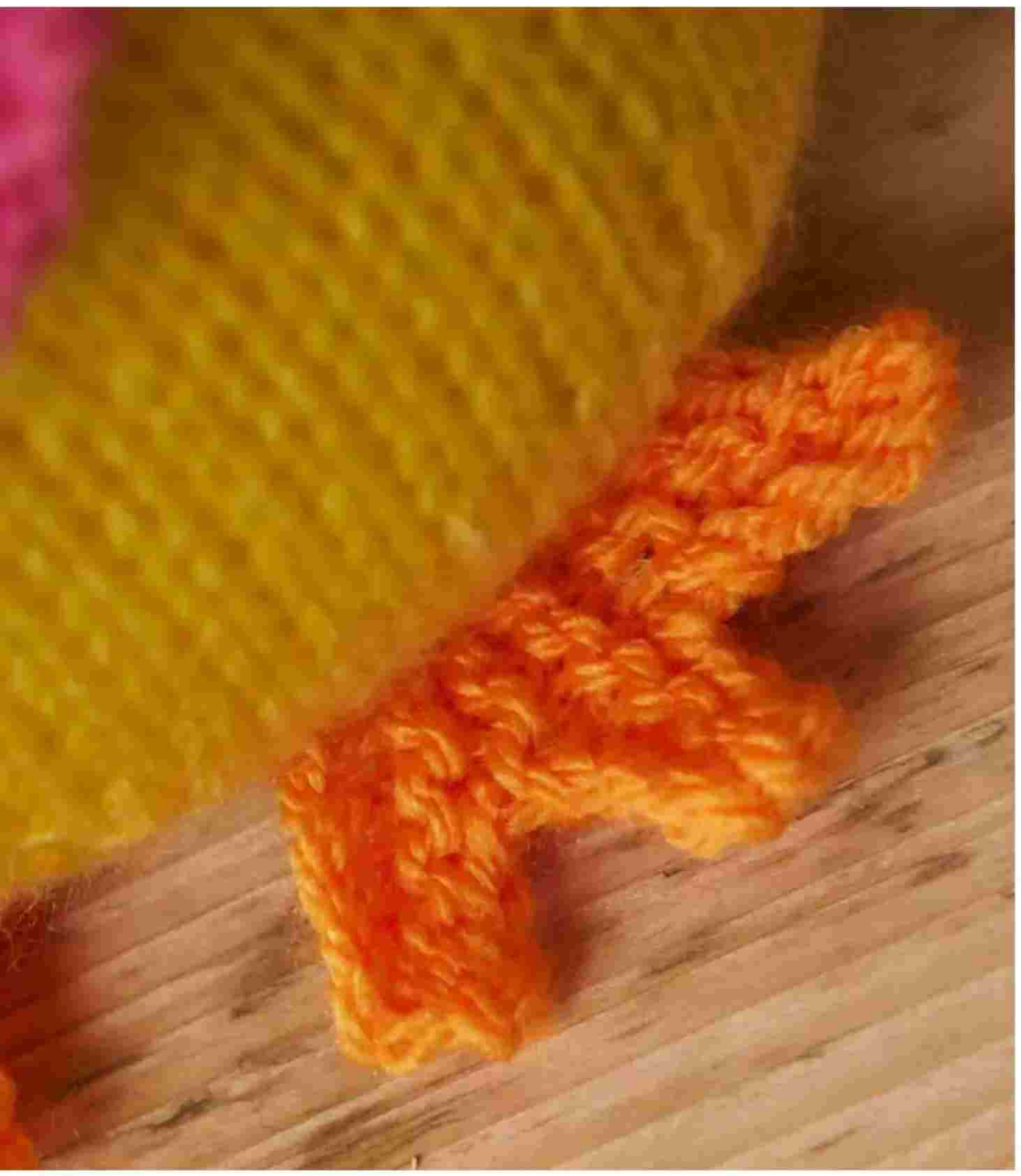
Row 53 *K5, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [56 sts]
Row 55 *K6, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [64 sts]
Row 57 *K7, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [72 sts]
Rows 58 to 60 Beg with a P row, work in st for 3 rows.
Row 61 K29, P1, K12, P1, K29. Purl stitches mark eye placement.
Rows 62 to 64 Beg with a P row, work in st for 3 rows.
Row 65 *K10, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [66 sts]
Row 67 *K9, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [60 sts]
Row 69 *K8, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [54 sts]
Row 71 *K7, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]
Row 73 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [42 sts]
Row 75 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [36 sts]
Row 77 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [30 sts]
Row 79 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 81 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [18 sts]
Row 83 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end of row. [12 sts]
B&T.

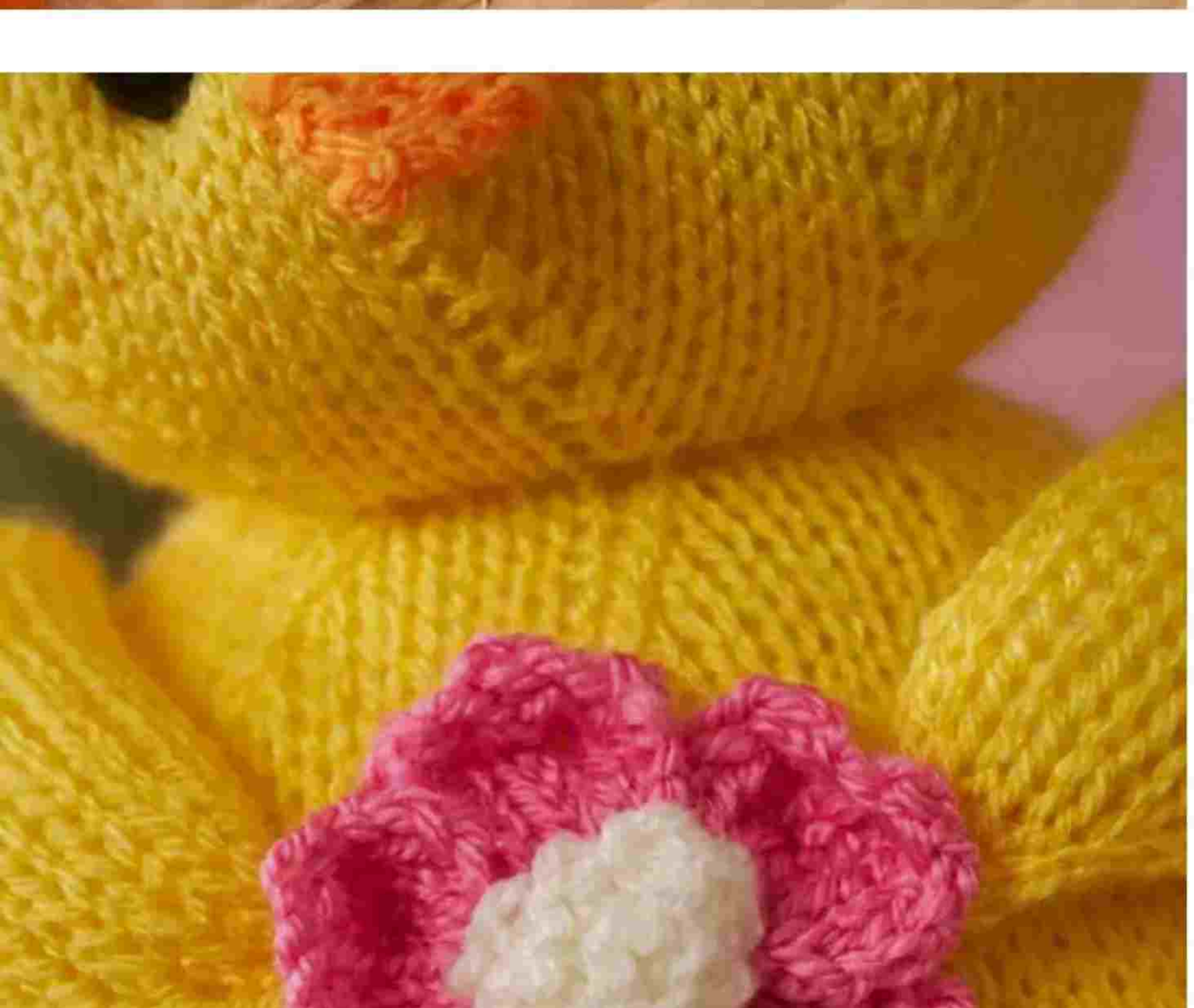
BEAK

Cast on 6 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 K2tog, K4. [5 sts]
Row 3 K2tog, K3. [4 sts]
Row 4 K2tog, K2. [3 sts]
Row 5 K2tog, K1. [2 sts]
Row 6 K2tog. [1 st]
Fasten off yarn and weave in cast-off yarn end.

WINGS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 *Kfb; rep from * to end of row. [12 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *K1, kfb; rep from * to end of row. [18 sts]





Row 4 to 18 Beg with a P row, work in st st for 15 rows.
Row 19 K1, ssk, knit to last three sts, k2tog, K1. [16 sts]
Row 20 Purl.
Rows 21 to 28 Rep Rows 19 and 20, four more times. [8 sts]
Row 29 K1, ssk, knit to last three sts, k2tog, K1. [6 sts]
B&T.

FLOWER PETALS (MAKE 5)

Cast on 4 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 K1, kfb, kfb, K1. [6 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K1, kfb, K2, kfb, K1. [8 sts]
Rows 4 to 6 Beg with a P row, work in st for 3 rows.
Row 7 *K2tog; rep from * to end of row. [4 sts]
Row 8 P2tog twice. [2 sts]
Row 9 K2tog. [1st]
Fasten off yarn, and weave in yarn ends.

FLOWER CENTRE

Cast on 4 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 K1, kfb, kfb, K1. [6 sts]
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 K1, *kfb; rep from * to last st, K1. [10 sts]
Rows 4 to 6 Knit 3 rows.
Row 7 K1, *k2tog; rep from * to last st, K1. [6 sts]
Row 8 Knit.
Row 9 K1, k2tog, k2tog, K1. [4 sts]
Cast off.
Use cast-off yarn end to gather around all the edges of the knitted piece, pull to gather the flower centre into a ball.
Weave in cast-off yarn end.

FEET (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 and 2 Knit.
Row 3 Cast off 3 sts, knit to end of row. [4 sts]
Row 4 Knit. [4 sts]
Row 5 Cast on 3 sts using cable method, knit to end. [7 sts]

Rows 6 and 7 Knit 2 rows. [7 sts]
Rows 8 to 12 Rep Rows 3 to 7.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Use mattress stitch for all seams.

Body and Head

1 Attach the safety eyes before stuffing the chick. The safety eyes are positioned immediately below each of the ridges created by the placement purl stitches on Row 61.
Carefully push the stem of each safety eye through the loop at each placement purl stitch. Next wrap stuffing around the eye stem before pushing the plastic backing covers over the eye stems to hold the eye and stuffing in place.
2 Gather the cast-off sts at the base of the body. Sew the back and head seam, stuff the Body and Head. When stuffing the Body place the chick on a table and stuff against the flat surface to help create a flat base.
3 Wrap Yarn A around your hand 12 times and cut the loops to make 12 lengths of yarn. Tie this bundle of yarn together in the middle. Place the knot in the B&T gap with the yarn ends sticking out away from the head. Close the head and enclose the knot by pulling the B&T gathering yarn, sew to secure the gathers. Sew through the knot to secure the "hair" as you sew the opening shut. At marked Row 48 sew a double length of yarn gathering seam through the stitches and pull to create the neck, tie the yarn and weave in the yarn ends.

Beak Sew the beak along the cast-on edge onto the chick's face. The cast-off edge is level with the lower edge of the eyes.

Flower Sew a gathering seam through the ends of each petal. Overlap the petal edges then sew to secure the petals in position. Place the flower centre in the middle of the petals and sew in place. Sew the flower onto the middle the chick's body.

Wings With right-sides together fold the Wing in half and sew the cast-off edge together. Turn the Wing right-side out and sew the side seam for 2cm. Pull the B&T yarn to gather the Wing tip. Sew the side seam leaving a gap for stuffing. Stuff the Wing tip lightly to give a flattened Wing shape, stuff the remainder of the wing. complete the side seam. Attach the wings along the cast-off edge, one on each side of the Body with the seam underneath. Position the back of the Wings 2.5cm below the neck. Sew the Wing tips just behind the petals of the flower.

Feet Position the Feet under the chick's Body with the toes pointing out. Pin the Feet before sewing in place, so you can check that the toes are visible when the chick is standing up.

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