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Welcome

If you're wondering what to knit at this time of year when we're inbetween seasons, look no further than our jam-packed issue, filled with light and bright cover-ups. We're head over heels for Jane Burns' super-sweet cardie complete with stripes, shawl-collar and adorable bee pocket that's just perfect for stashing those all-important treasures!

If you're a new knitter, we've got lots of simple projects to try, including Peter Pan's stunning Fair Isle cover jumper (page 22), Rowan's easy striped blanket (page 20) and Jen Barlett's newborn hat and mitts set with mock cables (page 60).

Also this issue, you'll love Angela Turner's adorable Farmyard Friends toys and Louise Walker's hugely huggable whale!

Lucy

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Editor

PS If you have any technical queries about the patterns featured, email loveknitting@immediate.co.uk for help. Don't miss our next issue, on sale on 2nd October.



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Busy bee

Cast on **Jane Burns'** cute cardigan with stripes and a little bee pocket to make a super-sweet knit for a fun-loving child

This lovely knit will keep your needles happy. The cardigan is worked in stocking stitch with garter stitch borders, and the numerous colour changes make it a very interesting project. Pretty details include

the comfy, soft round collar and cute little bee pocket stitched to the bottom ahead of an embroidered trail behind it. Knitted in hardwearing and budget-friendly acrylic (just 99p per ball), this adorable cardie won't break the bank, either.

About this yarn

King Cole Big Value Baby DK

100% premium acrylic

145m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

99p, for stockists call 01756 703 670

or visit www.kingcole.com

Top Tip

The cardie only uses a very small amount of dark grey DK, so an oddment from your stash would work well



Perfect
cover-up
for garden
playtime

Work embroidery
to mark the bee's
journey from the
back to the front
of the cardie!

The little bee pocket is
a perfect hideaway to
stash found treasures

Bee cardigan



Cardigan

You will need

- King Cole Big Value Baby DK, 50g in: White (shade 4060) x 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) balls – Yarn A
Silver (shade 4069) x 1 (1: 2: 2: 2) balls – Yarn B
Primrose (shade 4064) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) balls – Yarn C
- King Cole Big Value DK, 50g in: Grey (shade 4052) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) balls – Yarn D
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- 3 (3: 4: 4: 4) buttons, 2cm diameter
- Stitch markers
- Darning needle

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles
- 24 sts and 48 rows to 10cm (4in) over g-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 mths	6-12 mths	12-18 mths	18-24 mths	2-3 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	53	56
	in	16	18	20	21	22
Actual measurements	cm	48	54	59	61	63
	in	19	21¼	23¼	24	24¾
Length to shoulder	cm	27	29	32	34	34
	in	10¾	11½	12½	13¼	13¼
Sleeve length	cm	14.5	18	25	30	32
	in	5¾	7	9¼	11¾	12½

Cardigan

Back

*Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 52 (56: 64: 68: 72) sts. **Rows 1-8 (8: 8: 10: 10)** Knit. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn B.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.**

Rows 1-2 set stocking stitch (st-st). Continue in st-st as set until piece measures 16 (18: 19.5: 20: 20)cm, 6¼ (7: 7¾: 8: 8)in, from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row, PM at beg and end of row to mark sleeve placement. Continue to work in st-st as set until piece measures: 27 (29: 32: 34: 34)cm, 10¾ (11½: 12½: 13½: 13½)in, from cast-on edge, ending with a RS row.

Next row P16 (16: 20: 20: 24), PM, p20 (24: 24: 28: 24), PM, p16 (16: 20: 20: 24) Cast off, keeping markers in place.

Left front

*Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 23 (25: 29: 30: 32) sts. **Rows 1-8 (8: 8: 10: 10)** Knit. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn B.**

Beginning with a RS row, work in st-st until piece measures 16 (18: 19.5: 20: 20)cm, 6¼ (7: 7¾: 8: 8)in, from cast-on edge, PM at beg at underarm edge for sleeve placement.

Cont in st-st but AT THE SAME TIME when the front measures 17 (18.5: 21: 20: 18)cm, 6¾ (7¼: 8¼: 7¾: 7)in, from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

Shape neck

Note For a neat finish, work the decreases as follows:
On RS rows: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
On WS rows: P1, p2tog, purl to end.

Next row Dec 1 st at neck edge on the following row 1 (1: 1: 0: 0) times. 22 (24: 28: 30: 32) sts.

Next row Purl.

PM at neck edge.

Continue as follows:

Dec 1 st at neck edge every 3rd row 0 (4: 5: 4: 0) times. 22 (20: 23: 26: 32) sts.
Dec 1 st at neck edge every 4th row 1 (4: 3: 6: 0) times. 21 (16: 20: 20: 32) sts.
Dec 1 st at neck edge every 5th row 5 (0: 0: 0: 6) times. 16 (16: 20: 20: 26) sts.
Dec 1 st at neck edge every 6th row 0 (0: 0: 0: 2) times. 16 (16: 20: 20: 24) sts.
Continue without shaping until piece measures 27 (29: 32: 34: 34)cm, 10¾ (11½: 12½: 13½: 13½)in, from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.
Cast off.

Right front

Work as left front from * to **: Continue to work as left front, reversing shaping, in stripe sequence as follows:
Rows 1-4 Yarn B.
Rows 5-8 Yarn C.
Repeat Rows 1-8 to end.

Shape neck

Work as for Left front, but work the decreases as follows:

It's in the detail

When working the stripe section, loosely carry the unused yarn up the side and twist it with the working yarn after 2 rows. This will stop your float (carried yarn) being pulled too tightly and distorting the edge. It also means that you won't have to weave in lots of yarn ends.



On RS rows: K1, ssk, knit to end.
On WS rows: P to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, p1.

Work button band

Join shoulder seams. DO NOT REMOVE MARKERS AT BACK NECK.
Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, pick up and knit 38 (41: 47: 45: 46) sts along front edge from cast-on to beg of neck shaping (marker), pick up and knit 22 (21: 21: 27: 33) sts along neck edge, pick up and knit 20 (24: 24: 28: 28) sts across back neck, pick up and knit 22 (21: 21: 27: 33) sts along neck edge, pick up and knit 38 (41: 47: 45: 46) sts along front edge to cast-on edge. 140 (148: 160: 172: 186) sts.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Knit to first back neck marker (A), (k2, m1) 10 (12: 12: 14: 14) times, knit to end. 150 (160: 172: 186: 200) sts.

Row 3 Knit, slipping markers.

Work short row shaping for collar

Note Garter st short rows are simple, there is no need to pick up the wrap, just knit the stitch as normal.

Row 1 Knit to first marker at back neck



Your baby is sure to love this bee-autiful knit!

(A), SM, knit on to second marker at back neck (B), wrap st at marker B, turn.

Row 2 Knit to marker A, wrap st at marker A, turn.

Row 3 Knit to marker B stitch and knit it, k2, wrap next st, (move marker B to new wrapped st), turn.

Row 4 Knit to marker A stitch and knit it, k2, wrap next st, (move marker A to new wrapped st), turn.

Rep rows 3-4, 6 (6: 6: 8: 8) times in total.

Next row (RS) Knit to end, remove all markers as you work.

Next row (WS) Knit all sts, remove rem markers.

All sizes, knit 2 rows.

Buttonhole row (RS) K4, k2tog, yo, *k13

(15: 11: 10: 10), k2tog, yo; rep from * 1 (1: 2: 2: 2) times, knit to end.

3 (3: 4: 4: 4 buttonholes made)

Knit 5 (5: 5: 9: 9) rows.

Cast off loosely.

Sleeves (make 2)

Make one sleeve in Yarn B and one in Yarn C. Use Yarn A for both cuffs.

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 32 (32: 36: 36) sts.

Rows 1-8 (8: 8: 10: 10) Knit.

Place markers for fold line at each end of last row

Knit a further 8 (8: 8: 10: 10) rows.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn B (C).

Bee cardigan

Top Tip

You may find it easier to use long circular needles for the button band and collar

Next row (RS) Inc 3 (3: 3: 3: 3) evenly across the row. 35 (35: 39: 39: 39) sts

Next row (WS) Purl.

Work in st-st throughout, inc 1 st at each end of 5th and every foll 4th (5th: 4th: 3rd: 3rd) row until 49 (49: 55: 61: 61) sts rem. Cont in st-st as set without shaping until piece measures 14:5 (18: 25: 30: 32)cm, 5¾ (7: 9¼: 11¾: 12½)in, from fold line markers, ending after a WS row. Cast off.

To make up

Fold sleeves in half lengthwise and place a stitch marker. Use stitch marker to line the centre of the sleeve cap with the shoulder seam. Pin sleeve into place and sew into position. Join side and sleeve seams. Turn back cuffs and sew with a few sts. Sew on buttons. Block.

Bee pocket

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn C, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 (WS) Purl.

Row 2 (RS) (K1, m1) 4 times, k1. 9 sts.

Row 3 Purl.

Change to Yarn D.

Row 5 K1, m1, k7, m1, k1. 11 sts.

Row 6 Purl.

Change to Yarn C.

Row 7 K1, m1, (k2, m1) 4 times, k1, m1, k1. 17 sts

Row 8 Purl.

Change to Yarn D.

Row 9 K2, m1, k15, m1, k2. 19 sts.

Row 10 Purl.

Change to Yarn C.



Rows 11-12 Beg with a knit row, work in st-st.

Change to Yarn D.

Rows 13-14 Beg with a knit row, work in st-st.

Change to Yarn C.

Rows 15-16 Beg with a knit row, work in st-st.

Change to Yarn D.

Rows 17-18 Beg with a knit row, work in st-st.

Change to Yarn C.

Rows 19-22 Beg with a knit row, work in st-st.

Row 23 (K1, ssk) twice, k7, (k2tog, k1) twice. 15 sts

Row 24 Purl.

Row 25 (Ssk) 3 times, k3, (k2tog) 3 times. 9 sts

Row 26 Purl.

Row 27 (Ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice.

5 sts.

Cast off.

Using Yarn D, embroider a nose and mouth onto the bee.

Wings (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 Purl.

Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread through all 9 sts, and pull tight to form a circle. Secure with sts.

To finish

Using images above as a guide, sew on bee pocket and wings. Using Yarn D, embroider a line in running stitch, starting at back of bee and ending at back of cardigan. 🐝

Your Knits!

Share your baby knits with us for a chance to win a fabulous knitting prize...

Football fantasy

This is a photo of my new granddaughter in her QPR football sleeping bag that I knitted her. My daughter didn't know what sex the baby was until she was born, but ensured me that no matter what, he or she would use the sleeping bag, as both she and her partner are supporters of QPR. I think she looks lovely wrapped up in it – I hope you do, too.

Gillian Worsfold, via email

Lucy says We certainly do, Gillian, and we're sure our readers would agree she looks very sweet indeed in her footie gear.



This tiny footie fan is snugly in her sleeping bag

Little miracle

After years of knitting for other people's babies, I finally get to knit for our own miracle baby, due this autumn. So excited! Can't wait!

Rebecca Kathryn Latham-Ryder, via Facebook

Lucy says Many congratulations, Rebecca, we're delighted for you. This jacket is so lovely.



Rebecca knitted this jacket from issue 47



This shawl uses small squares sewn together

Family heirloom

Just thought you might like to see my 'labour of love' shawl. I've knitted this in small squares, sewn each one together, then made a lacy patterned edge. I hope this will become a family heirloom. I have been knitting since I was five years old and was taught by my nan. I'm now 62 and hope to teach my granddaughter.

Linda O'Brien, via email

Lucy says It's beautiful, Linda – a special knit for your family.



Oscar looks adorable in his 'royal' outfit

Royal arrival

I couldn't resist knitting the smart waistcoat from the *Royal Baby Collection* supplement enclosed with the April issue of *Love Knitting for Baby*. It's for my new grandson Oscar, who was born in February – here he is wearing it. I used Stylecraft Special 4-ply, which I bought from a local wool shop in Blackpool. I look forward to knitting him many more outfits from your magazine.

Debra Clayton, via email

Lucy says What a cute knit for Oscar. We hope you find lots more to knit him in LKB.

Star letter

Refound hobby



I rediscovered the joy of knitting after three decades, just after I'd

given away all my needles that I'd kept all those years!

Fortunately, the recipient

was a cousin who still had them and was happy to give them back! I knit baby items, so I'm pleased to discover

Love Knitting for Baby magazine.

Here is just one of the babies who have been lucky recipients of my projects – she was born in

Turkey to Syrian migrants.

Alexandra Bone, via Facebook

Lucy says We're so pleased to have you back in the knitting family, Alexandra!



Win prizes!

This issue's star letter WINS £50 worth of gorgeous yarn and a brilliant pattern book all courtesy of West Yorkshire Spinners.



In the Loop... Don't forget to share your baby knits with us for your chance to feature in the magazine and win prizes...

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Gently does it

Rowan's new Cashsoft Merino is a blend of wool, acrylic and cashmere that's designed to care for delicate skin. The range includes bold brights as well as vintage-inspired shades to mix and match, and although we haven't seen the patterns yet, we're sure they'll be adorable!

Rowan Baby Cashsoft Merino, £5.95 per 50g ball; www.knitrowan.com for stockists



Cotton cutie

We're head over heels for Hansel, this darling little romper kit from We are Knitters. Made from Pima Cotton, with a sweet seed stitch pocket and straps, this all-in-one is perfect for slipping over a t-shirt when the sun pops behind a cloud. Available in sizes 0-6 to 9-12 months, the kit is great for relatively new knitters, as there's very little shaping involved. There are 16 shades to choose from, including this bright and breezy aquamarine.

Kit, from £28 from www.weareknitters.co.uk



Get knitting, nana!



Announce your pregnancy to the knitters in the family with these personalised knitting needle sets from Sproglets Kits. With eight pairs of bamboo knitting needles wrapped up in a natural calico cotton bag, printed with the recipient's name and the due date of your baby, it's the sweetest way to let your nearest and dearest know they need to get their needles clicking!

Knitting needle kit, £20, www.sprogletskits.co.uk



Fantastic Mr Fox

The perfect cuddly pal for autumn adventures, this cute fox is made from fleecy Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK; his squishy arms and legs are just the right size for little hands.

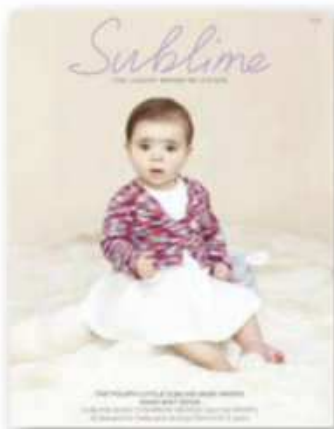
Pattern 4874, £2.99; visit www.sirdar.co.uk for stockists



Friendly monsters!

A not-so-scary monster who can't wait to join your family, Kiko is new from Love Knitting's Paintbox Yarns. Worked in brightly coloured yarn, he's a fun knitted version of the sock monkeys we made as children. He has long, squashy arms for cuddles, and cute little ears – plus you can make him your own with a cheeky grin, sleepy eyes and coloured stripes. Kiko is a free pattern, so you just need to buy the yarn to make him. Get knitting today!

Pattern, free to download; Paintbox yarns from £2.79 per ball, visit www.loveknitting.com



Little prints

Brighten up baby's wardrobe with this collection of tasseled hats, cosy cardigans, pretty dresses and blankets. Featuring 18 designs in Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK Prints, *The Fourth Little Sublime Baby Prints Handknit Book* is perfect if you love the look of colourwork but are short of time – the splashes of colour appear as if by magic as you knit!

Pattern book, £8.95,
for stockists visit www.sublimeyarns.com



Snuggle up

Looking for something snuggly to warm up the nursery in time for winter? The beginner-friendly Louie blanket comes in a kit with everything you need to make it, including chunky 15mm needles and Wool Couture's Cheeky Chunky pure merino yarn. And since it's knitted in super simple moss stitch, you'll have it knitted up in no time at all. There are 30 gorgeous shades to choose from, from soft Heather to bright Sunset yellow.

Blanket kit, £39.99 from www.woolcouturecompany.com



Dates for your diary

10-11 August 2018 The British Wool Show Murton, York

Show your support for the Campaign for Wool at this celebration of British wool the British Textile industry, cottage industries and craft workers.

<http://britishwool.net>

1 September 2018 The Great London Yarn Crawl

Various venues,
London, England
Taking place around the capital, this is Yarn in the City's annual bonanza celebrating all of London's best yarn and haberdashery shops.

www.yarninthecity.com

1 September 2018 Southern Wool Show Newbury Racecourse, Berkshire

With 60 amazing stalls, this is the perfect event for lovers of all things woolly, from knitting and crochet to weaving and dyeing.

www.southernwoolshow.co.uk

8-9 September 2018 Perth Festival of Yarn Perth, Scotland

Bringing together wool farmers, smallholders, spinners, felters and weavers, with classes, stalls, lectures and llamas!

<https://perthfestivalofyarn.uk>

Needles and pins

How cute are these enamel badges from KnitPicks?

They make great gifts for knitting group members, and look fab pinned to your latest handknitted sweater. We're buying them now in time for Christmas – they're the perfect stocking fillers for our crafty pals!

Badges, £6.23 each from www.knitpicks.com

Please note: these pins are not suitable for babies.



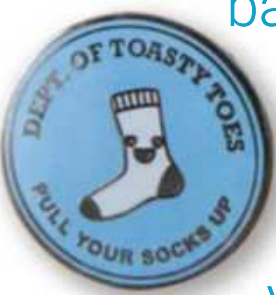
Great little gifts for knitting friends!



Pretty pastels

Gorgeously soft, hypoallergenic and super durable, cotton yarn is perfect for delicate skin. Peter Pan have created this beautiful book of baby knits to showcase their Baby Cotton DK, with classic garments, worked in timeless, powdery pastels and neutrals for the new season.

Pattern book, £7.39,
for stockists visit www.tbramsden.co.uk
or call 01943 872 264



Bow Peep

This sweet knit from **Sublime** has pleats and bows in all the right places – and there's also a matching hat to complete the look!

How beautiful is this jacket? Little girls will look simply stunning arriving at a special occasion wearing it, along with the coordinating beret on page 18. Though the detailing might make it look a challenge,

it's actually rather a simple knit. Work the main parts in stocking stitch, the 'pleated' panels in rib, and finish with garter stitch edgings. Before you know it you'll have knitted the most adorable matching set, all ready for the party!

About this yarn

Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK

75% wool, 20% silk, 5% cashmere

116m per 50g

Machine wash at 30°C


£4.99, for stockists call 01924 369 666

or visit www.sublimeyarns.com

Top Tip

Sew the bows on tightly so they don't get pulled off!



A baby with light brown hair and blue eyes is sitting on a wooden floor, looking up with an open mouth. The baby is wearing a pink knitted cardigan with a garter stitch texture and a matching pink belt. Underneath, a white dress with a pink and yellow floral pattern is visible. The baby is holding a silver, sparkly shoe in their right hand. A small red bag is partially visible on the floor to the left. The background is a light-colored wooden wall.

*Garter stitch
edgings make a
stylish finish*

*Wear this contemporary take on
a classic outfit when you want
baby to look smart and pretty*

Jacket & beret



Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 mths	6-12 mths	1-2 yrs	2-3 yrs
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
Actual measurements	cm	45	51	56	60
	in	17¾	20	22	23¾
Full length	cm	24	28	32	38
	in	9½	11	12½	15
Sleeve length	cm	15	17	20	24
	in	6	6½	8	9½

Jacket set

You will need

- Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK, 50g in:
 - For the jacket
Dusty Pink (shade 346) x 3 (3: 4: 5) balls – Yarn A
 - Little Piggy (shade 358) x 1 (1: 1: 1) ball – Yarn B
 - For the beret
Dusty Pink (shade 346) x 1 (1: 2: 2) balls – Yarn A
 - Little Piggy (shade 358) x 1 (1: 1: 1) ball – Yarn B
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 3 buttons
- Stitch markers

Measurements

- Hat: To fit average size baby's head for 0-6 mths (6-12 mths: 1-2 yrs: 2-3 yrs)

Tension

- 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

Abbreviations

- S2: Slip 2 stitches together knitways as if to knit
- P2sso: pass 2 slipped stitches over – pass the 2 slipped sts from the RH needle over the st(s) just worked
- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Jacket Back

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn A, cast on 88 (94: 100: 104) sts.

Row 1 (RS) K10 (12: 13: 14), *p2, (k1, p3) 5 times, k1, p2,* k18 (20: 24: 26); rep from * to * once, k10 (12: 13: 14).

Row 2 P10 (12: 13: 14), *k2, p1, (k3, p1) 5 times, k2,* p18 (20: 24: 26); repeat from * to * once, p10 (12: 13: 14).

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until back measures 11 (14: 17: 22)cm, 4¼ (5½: 6½: 8¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Next row K10 (12: 13: 14), *p1, (s2, k1, p2sso, p1) 6 times,* k18 (20: 24: 26); repeat from * to * once, k10 (12: 13: 14). 64 (70: 76: 80) sts.

Next row P10 (12: 13: 14), *(k1, p1) 6 times, k1,* p18 (20: 24: 26); repeat from * to * once, p10 (12: 13: 14).

Next row K10 (12: 13: 14), *(k2tog) 5 times, s2, k1, p2sso,* k18 (20: 24: 26); repeat from * to * once, k10 (12: 13: 14). 50 (56: 62: 66) sts.

Next row Purl.

Beginning with a knit row, work in stocking stitch for the remainder of the back as follows:

Work until the back measures 14 (17: 20: 25)cm, 5½ (6½: 8: 9¾)in, finishing after a WS row so that the RS of the work faces you for the beginning of the armhole shaping.

The back should measure approx 23 (26: 28: 30)cm, 9 (10¼: 11: 11¾)in across at this point.

Shape armholes

Work 5 (5: 6: 7) rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row. 40 (46: 50: 52) sts. Work on these 40 (46: 50: 52) sts until armholes measure 10 (11: 12: 13)cm, 4 (4¼: 4¾: 5¼)in straight down from the top of the needle to the beginning of the armhole shaping (don't measure around the curve), finishing after a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 4 (5: 6: 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. 32 (36: 38: 40) sts. Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. 22 (24: 26: 26) sts. Cast off remaining 22 (24: 26: 26) sts.

Left front

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn A, cast on 44 (47: 50: 52) sts.

Row 1 (RS) K10 (12: 13: 14), p2, (k1, p3) 5 times, k1, p2, k9 (10: 12: 13).

Row 2 P9 (10: 12: 13), k2, p1, (k3, p1) 5 times, k2, p10 (12: 13: 14).

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until left front measures 11 (14: 17: 22)cm, 4¼ (5½: 6½: 8¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Next row K10 (12: 13: 14), p1, (s2, k1, p2sso, p1) 6 times, k9 (10: 12: 13). 32 (35: 38: 40) sts.

Next row P9 (10: 12: 13), (k1, p1) 6 times, k1, p10 (12: 13: 14).

Next row K10 (12: 13: 14), (k2tog) 5 times, s2, k1, p2sso, k9 (10: 12: 13). 25 (28: 31: 33) sts.

Next row Purl.

It's in the detail

The raised rows that flow so elegantly from below the bows look like faux pleats, don't they? In fact, they're like rib, in that they're sections with knits and purls in the row: (k1, p3) on the RS and (k3, p1) on the WS. Then they're gathered at the top with k2togs. How lovely they are!



Pleats at the back look pretty, and ensure an easy-fitting garment

Work the remainder of the left front as follows:
Beg with a knit row, work in st-st until the left front measures 14 (17: 20: 25)cm, 5½ (6½: 8: 9¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Shape armhole

Next row K2tog (armhole edge), knit to end. 24 (27: 30: 32) sts.

Next row Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.
23 (26: 29: 31) sts.

Work 3 (3: 4: 5) rows, decreasing 1 st at armhole edge in every row.

20 (23: 25: 26) sts.

Work on these 20 (23: 25: 26) sts until armhole measures 5 (6: 7: 7)cm, 2 (2½: 2¾: 2¾)in, finishing after a RS row.

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5) sts (neck edge), purl to end. 16 (19: 20: 21) sts.

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.
15 (18: 19: 20) sts.

Next row Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, purl to end. 12 (15: 15: 16) sts.

6-12 mths only

Work 2 rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in every row. 13 sts.

All sizes

Work 5 (3: 5: 3) rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in next and every following alternate row. 9 (11: 12: 14) sts.

2-3 yrs only

Work 4 rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in 4th row only. 13 sts.

All sizes

Work straight until armhole measures same as back armhole to shoulder shaping, finishing after a WS row.

Shape shoulder

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

Next row Purl.

Cast off remaining 5 (6: 6: 7) sts.

Right front

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn A, cast on 44 (47: 50: 52) sts.

Row 1 (RS) K9 (10: 12: 13), p2, (k1, p3) 5 times, k1, p2, k10 (12: 13: 14).

Row 2 P10 (12: 13: 14), k2, p1, (k3, p1) 5 times, k2, p9 (10: 12: 13).

These 2 rows form pattern.

Continue in pattern until right front

measures 11 (14: 17: 22)cm, 4¼ (5½: 6½: 8¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Next row K9 (10: 12: 13), p1, (s2, k1, p2sso, p1) 6 times, k10 (12: 13: 14).
32 (35: 38: 40) sts.

Next row P10 (12: 13: 14), (k1, p1) 6 times, k1, p9 (10: 12: 13).

Next row K9 (10: 12: 13), (k2tog) 5 times, s2, k1, p2sso, k10 (12: 13: 14).
25 (28: 31: 33) sts.

Next row Purl.

Work the remainder of the right front as follows:

Beginning with a knit row, work in st-st until the right front measures 14 (17: 20: 25)cm, 5½ (6½: 8: 9¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Shape armhole

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog (armhole edge). 24 (27: 30: 32) sts.

Next row P2tog, purl to end.
23 (26: 29: 31) sts.

Work 3 (3: 4: 5) rows, decreasing 1 st at armhole edge in every row.

20 (23: 25: 26) sts.

Work on these 20 (23: 25: 26) sts until armhole measures 5 (6: 7: 7)cm, 2 (2½: 2¾: 2¾)in, finishing after a WS row.

Jacket & beret

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5) sts (neck edge), knit to end. 16 (19: 20: 21) sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Cast off 3 (3: 4: 4) sts, knit to end. 13 (16: 16: 17) sts.

Next row Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. 12 (15: 15: 16) sts.

6-12 mths only

Work 2 rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in every row. (13) sts.

All sizes

Work 5 (3: 5: 3) rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in next and every following alternate row. 9 (11: 12: 14) sts.

2-3 yrs only

Work 4 rows, decreasing 1 st at neck edge in 4th row only. (13) sts.

All sizes

Work straight until armhole measures same as back armhole to shoulder shaping, finishing after a RS row.

Shape shoulder

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

Next row Knit.

Cast off remaining 5 (6: 6: 7) sts.

Sleeves (both alike)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 31 (31: 33: 33) sts.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

This row forms garter stitch (g-st).

Work 2 rows more in g-st.

Row 4 Knit to end, decreasing 1 st in centre of row. 30 (30: 32: 32) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and beginning with a knit row, work in st-st for the remainder of the sleeve as follows:

Work 21 (15: 11: 11) rows, increasing 1 st at each end of 3rd and every following 6th (4th: 4th: 4th) row (there will be 5 (3: 3: 3) rows straight between each increase row). 38 sts.

Work 8 (18: 30: 42) rows, increasing 1 st at each end of every following 8th (6th: 6th: 6th) row (there will be 7 (5: 5: 5) rows straight between each increase row). 40 (44: 48: 52) sts.

Work without further shaping until the sleeve is 15 (17: 20: 24)cm, 6 (6½: 8: 9½)in, finishing after a WS row.

Shape sleeve top

Work 5 (5: 6: 7) rows, decreasing 1 st at each end of every row.

30 (34: 36: 38) sts.

Place markers at each end of last row.

These 5 (5: 6: 7) rows will match to 5 (5: 6: 7) decrease rows on body when sewing the sleeves into the armholes.

Work 1 (1: 0: 1) row straight.

Cast off 10 (11: 4: 4) sts at beginning of each of the next 2 (2: 6: 6) rows.

10 (12: 12: 14) sts.

Cast off remaining 10 (12: 12: 14) sts.

Neckband

Join both shoulder seams.

With the RS of the work facing you, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit sts around neck edge as follows: pick up and knit 22 (22: 24: 26) sts evenly up right side of neck, 22 (24: 26: 26) sts from back of neck and 22 (22: 24: 26) sts evenly down left side of neck. 66 (68: 74: 78) sts.

Work 2 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Right front border

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit sts for the border as follows: with RS of the work facing you, starting at lower edge of right front, pick up and knit 48 (56: 66: 76) sts evenly along front edge and 3 sts evenly along neckband. 51 (59: 69: 79) sts.

Next row K1, k2tog, yfwd, (k6 (7: 8: 8), k2tog, yfwd) twice, knit to end.

Next row Knit.

Cast off knitways.

Left front border

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit sts for border as follows: with RS of the work facing you, starting at neck edge, pick up and knit 3 sts evenly along neckband and 48 (56: 66: 76) sts evenly along front edge. 51 (59: 69: 79) sts.

Work 2 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.



The beret will make a lovely accessory for other outfits, too

Bow (make 2)

Main piece

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 14 sts.

Work 7 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Bow centre (make 2)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 6 sts.

Work 1 row in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

To make up

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew sleeve tops into armholes, matching the 5 (5: 6: 7) decrease rows on the body to the 5 (5: 6: 7) decrease rows marked at the beginning of the sleeve top.

Sew on buttons. Fasten centre of bow around main piece of bow and sew in position at top of rib on front.

Pin out garment to the measurement given and cover with damp cloths until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

Beret

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 73 (79: 85: 91) sts.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

This row forms garter stitch (g-st).

Work 6 rows more in g-st.

Row 8 Knit to end, increasing 2 sts for size 0-6 mths only and decreasing 0 (0: 2:

4) sts evenly across row for sizes 1-2 yrs and 2-3 yrs only.

75 (79: 83: 87) sts.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and Yarn A. Beginning with a knit row, work in st-st for the remainder of the beret as follows:

Row 1 K2 (4: 4: 3), pick up loop between last and next stitch and work into the back of this loop (this will now be referred to as m1), (k5, m1) 14 (14: 15: 16) times, k3 (5: 4: 4).

90 (94: 99: 104) sts.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K2 (4: 3: 2), m1, (k6, m1) 14 (14: 15: 16) times, k4 (6: 6: 6).

105 (109: 115: 121) sts.

Work 3 rows straight.

Row 9 K2 (4: 3: 2), m1, (k7, m1) 14 (14: 15: 16) times, k5 (7: 7: 7).

120 (124: 131: 138) sts.

Work 3 rows straight.

Row 13 K2 (4: 3: 2), m1, (k8, m1) 14 (14: 15: 16) times, k6 (8: 8: 8).

135 (139: 147: 155) sts.

Work straight until beret measures 11cm (4¼in), finishing after a knit row.

Next row Purl to end, decreasing 1 st in centre of row for size 0-6 mths only and increasing 0 (2: 1: 0) sts evenly across row for sizes 6-12 mths and 1-2 yrs only.

134 (141: 148: 155) sts.

Shape crown

Next row K1, (k2tog, k5) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 115 (121: 127: 133) sts.

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

Next row K1, (k2tog, k4) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 96 (101: 106: 111) sts.

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

Next row K1, (k2tog, k3) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 77 (81: 85: 89) sts.

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

Next row K1, (k2tog, k2) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 58 (61: 64: 67) sts.

Work 3 rows straight.

Next row K1, (k2tog, k1) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 39 (41: 43: 45) sts.

Work 1 row straight.

Next row K1, (k2tog) 19 (20: 21: 22) times. 20 (21: 22: 23) sts.

Next row (P2tog) 10 (10: 11: 11) times, p0



(1: 0: 1). 10 (11: 11: 12) sts.

Break off yarn, run yarn through the remaining 10 (11: 11: 12) sts, draw up and fasten off.

Bow

Main piece

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 14 sts.

Work 7 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Bow centre

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 6 sts.

Work 1 row in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

To make up

Join back seam. Fasten centre of bow around main piece of bow and sew in position as illustrated.

Cover with a damp cloth and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions. ♡

More ideas

Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK comes in nearly four dozen shades, so you're bound to find the perfect colour combo. See the range at www.sublimeyarns.com

Simply gorgeous

Looking for a beginner-friendly blanket to brighten up the nursery? Look no further! This beautiful **Rowan** pattern couldn't be easier

Make a
fab gift in
easy garter
stitch



Blanket

You will need

- Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK, 50g in:
Straw (shade 671) x 4 balls – Yarn A
Iceberg (shade 699) x 2 balls – Yarn B
Leaf (shade 692) x 2 balls – Yarn C
Teal (shade 677) x 2 balls – Yarn D
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) circular needle at least 60cm (24in) long

Measurements

- Approx. 70 x 90cm (35½ x 27½in)

Tension

- 22 sts and 46 rows to 10cm (4in) over garter stitch using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

A silky soft blanket is a must for any baby, whether it's for tucking them up in the pushchair, or for snuggles and stories before bed. This striped design is a gorgeous choice, and great for all abilities – apart from the knit stitch, the only techniques you need to know are how to cast on and off, and how to join in a new colour! The cosy blanket features three striped sections in shades of cream, green, blue and teal – a lovely, fresh combination that's ideal for both boys and girls.

Blanket

Pattern note

Do not break off contrast colour yarn, carry up the sides of work until next contrast colour starts.

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and yarn A, cast on 154 sts.

Working in garter stitch throughout, work 14 rows.

Join in yarn B.

Work 2 rows in yarn B.

Work 2 rows in yarn A.

Work in stripe pattern until work measures 31cm (12¼in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Break off yarn B.

Work 2 rows in yarn A.

Join in yarn C.

Work 2 rows in yarn C.

Work in stripe sequence until work measures 59cm (23¼in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Break off yarn C.

Work 2 rows in yarn A.

Join in yarn D.

Work 2 rows in yarn D.

Work in stripe sequence until work measures 87cm (34¼in) from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Break off yarn D.

Continue in yarn A only.

Work 14 rows in garter stitch.

Cast off. 

Top Tip

Turn to page 33 for advice and tips on how to join in new yarn when you're working

About this yarn

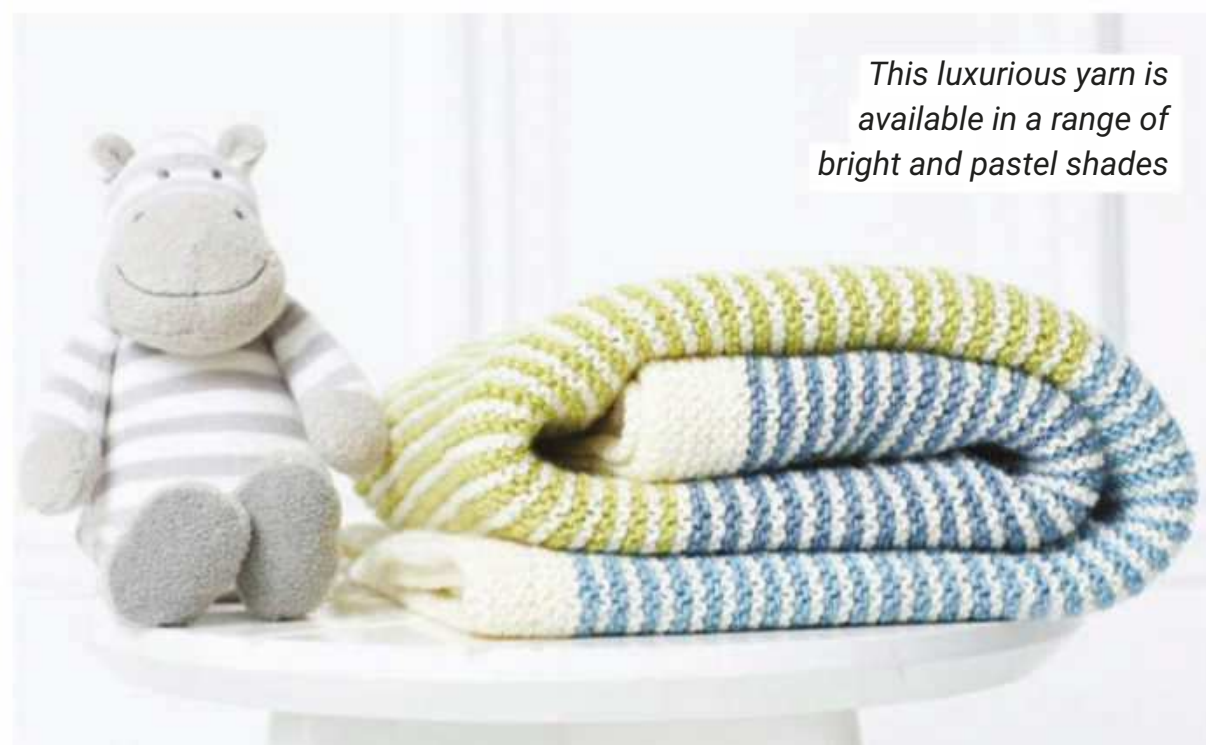
Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK

66% merino wool, 34% silk

135m per 50g

Machine wash at 30°C

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This luxurious yarn is available in a range of bright and pastel shades



Cool mint

Cast on this striking Fair Isle jumper from **Peter Pan** for a stripey look that's cool and fun for babies and toddlers

To knit this fun jumper you need to work in the Fair Isle colourwork technique for two rows in every 10. If you're new to Fair Isle, this one is a good one to start with as it uses only three yarn shades, which

means you haven't got loads of little bundles of yarn to manage while you knit. It's a simple, uncomplicated pattern, but it results in a very striking design. The yarn comes in rich colours, too, if you fancy bolder, contrasting stripes.

About this yarn

Peter Pan DK

55% nylon, 45% acrylic

170m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£2.95, for stockists call 01943 872 264

or visit www.tbramsden.co.uk

Top Tip

Keep your tension even throughout for a smooth finish on the knitted fabric



Choose from more
than 30 colours, from
pastels to brights

The edges are all finished
in several rows of neat
and tidy garter stitch

Fair Isle jumper



Jumper

You will need

- Peter Pan DK, 50g in:
 - White (shade 300) x 1 (1: 1: 2: 2) balls – Yarn A
 - Bubbles (shade 905) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) ball – Yarn B
 - Puddle (shade 937) x 1 (1: 1: 1: 1) ball – Yarn C
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 4 stitch holders
- 2 buttons

Tension

- 24 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over patt, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Top Tip

It's always a good idea to use machine washable yarns for baby clothes

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 mths	6-12 mths	12-18 mths	18-24 mths	2-3 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56	61
	in	16	18	20	22	24
Actual measurements	cm	46	51	56	61	66
	in	18	20	22	24	26
Length to shoulder	cm	26	29	31	34.5	38
	in	10¼	11	12¼	13½	15
Sleeve length	cm	15	17.5	20.5	23	28
	in	6	7	8	9	11

Jumper Back

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 55 (61: 67: 73: 79) sts. Work garter stitch band as follows: Using Yarn B, work 4 (4: 4: 6: 6) rows in g-st. Join in Yarn C. Using Yarn C, work 2 rows in g-st. Using Yarn B, work 2 rows in g-st. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles.

Commence pattern

Row 1 Using Yarn A, knit.
Row 2 Using Yarn A, purl.
Row 3 K1B, *k1C, k1B; rep from * to end.
Row 4 P1B, *ybk, k1C, yfwd, p1B; rep from * to end.
Rows 5-6 As Rows 1-2.
Rows 7-8 Using Yarn C, knit.
Rows 9-10 Using Yarn B, knit.
These 10 rows form patt.
Work 30 (38: 42: 48: 60) rows more in patt.

Shape armholes

Keeping patt correct, cast off 1 (2: 2: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4: 6: 6: 8) rows. 45 (49: 51: 55: 57) sts.
Work 32 (34: 34: 36: 36) rows straight in patt.

Shape shoulders

Next row Cast off next 12 (13: 13: 14: 14) sts, patt to end.
Next row Patt 12 (13: 13: 14: 14), then sl these sts onto a st holder for back shoulder button band, patt to end.



Knit a stretchy, stripey neckline in garter stitch



The Fair Isle pattern adds texture as well as colour to this knit

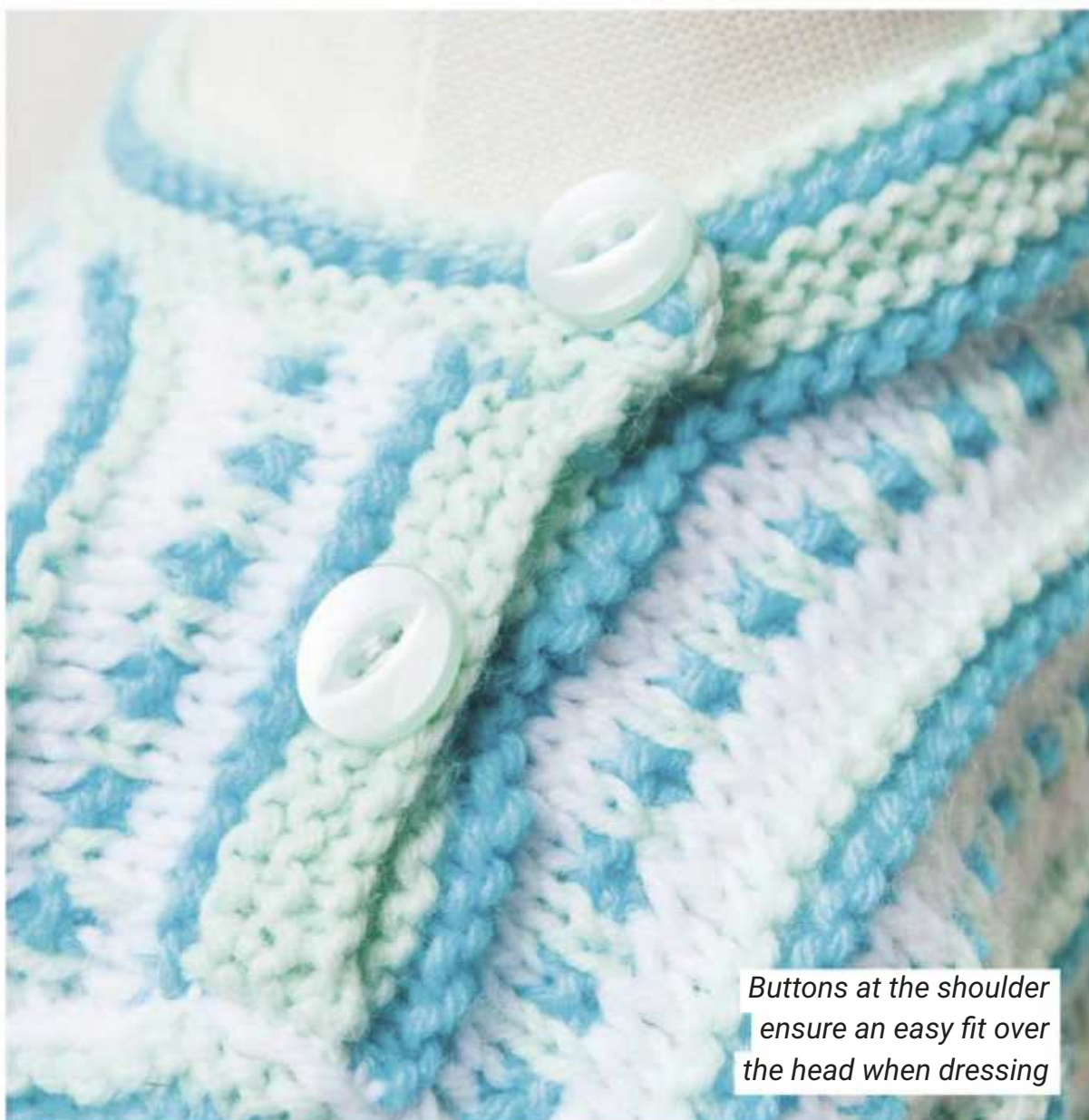
21 (23: 25: 27: 29) sts.
Sl these last sts onto a second st holder for neckband.

Front

Work as given for back until armhole shaping is complete.
45 (49: 51: 55: 57) sts.
Work 18 (20: 18: 18: 16) rows straight in patt.

It's in the detail

The stripey pattern is worked over 10 rows, but the Fair Isle part is worked over only two (rows 3-4). You'll practise when making your tension square, but if you haven't tried Fair Isle before, it's a good idea to spend some time practising, so why not knit a couple of extra squares, too?



Buttons at the shoulder ensure an easy fit over the head when dressing

Top Tip

Pale-coloured yarns can stain, so keep food and drink away from your knitting to prevent spills!

Shape neck

Next row Patt 17 (18: 18: 20: 20), turn. Complete this side of neck first as follows: Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows, then every foll alt row until 12 (13: 13: 14: 14) sts rem. Work 5 (5: 7: 7: 9) rows straight in patt. Sl sts onto a st holder. Return to rem sts and sl centre 11 (13: 15: 15: 17) sts onto a st holder. With RS facing, rejoin appropriate yarn to neck edge of rem 17 (18: 18: 20: 20) sts, patt to end. Complete this second side of neck to correspond with first side, working 6 (6: 8: 8: 10) rows straight after shaping and casting off rem 12 (13: 13: 14: 14) sts.

Sleeves (both alike)

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and Yarn B, cast on 33 (35: 37: 39: 41) sts and work the first 8 (8: 8: 10: 10) rows of g-st as given for back. Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and work in patt as given for back, inc 1 st at each end of first row and every foll alt (alt:

4th: 4th: 4th) row until 37 (39: 65: 65: 59) sts are on the needle, then every foll 4th (4th: 0: 6th: 6th) row until there are 55 (61: 65: 69: 73) sts on the needle. Work straight until sleeve measures 15 (17.5: 20.5: 23: 28)cm, 6 (7: 8: 9: 11)in from beg, ending with a WS row.

Shape top

Keeping patt correct, cast off 1 (2: 2: 3: 3) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 53 (57: 61: 63: 67) sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 4 (4: 6: 6: 8) rows. 45 (49: 49: 51: 51) sts. Cast off.

To make up

Join right shoulder seam by top sewing.

Back shoulder button band

Sl 12 (13: 13: 14: 14) sts from back shoulder st holder onto a 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) so that you are ready to beg with RS facing. Rejoin Yarn B and work 3 rows in g-st. Cast off knitways (WS).

Fair Isle jumper

Front shoulder button band

Sl 12 (13: 13: 14: 14) sts from front shoulder st holder onto a 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needle so that you are ready to beg with RS facing.

Rejoin Yarn B and work 2 rows g-st.

Buttonhole row K6 (6: 6: 7: 7), yfwd, k2tog, knit to end.

Work 2 rows more in g-st.

Cast off knitways (WS).

Neckband

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, rejoin Yarn B and pick up and K3 sts from side of front shoulder buttonhole band, 14 (14: 16: 18: 20) sts from shaped edge of left side of front neck, K11 (13: 15: 15: 17) sts from st holder, pick up and K15 (15: 17: 19: 21) sts from shaped edge of right side of front neck and K21 (23: 25: 27: 29) sts from back neck st holder and pick up and K2 sts from side of back shoulder button band.

66 (70: 78: 84: 92) sts.

Work 3 (3: 3: 5: 5) rows in g-st.

Join in Yarn C.

Buttonhole row Using Yarn C, k2, yfwd, k2tog, knit to end.

With Yarn C, work 1 row more in g-st.

Break off Yarn C.

Using Yarn B, work 1 more row in g-st.

Using Yarn B, cast off knitwise (WS).

Overlap front shoulder buttonhole band over back shoulder buttonband (first rows together) and catch along side at armhole edge.

Join side and sleeve seams by top sewing.

Insert sleeves into armholes.

Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes. 🍵

These minty colours are a fresh alternative to blue for boys



More ideas

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A pretty
jumper
for all
seasons

Flutter by

Dress little ones in **Susan Campbell's** adorable jumper adorned with an intarsia butterfly motif, frilly sleeves and a soft rolled neckline

Butterflies are a favourite motif for summer knits but this lovely jumper is perfect for all seasons. The pretty butterfly, worked in the intarsia method is sure to delight little ones and as it's a small part

of the overall jumper and uses just one colour, it's great for practising the technique if it's new to you. Frills at the top of the sleeves add a fun touch, while a rolled neckline creates a soft, curvy line and makes the jumper easy to wear.

About this yarn

Rooster Baby Rooster

100% merino

125m per 50g

Machine wash at 30°C

£5.49, for stockists call 01829 740 9031

or visit www.roosteryarns.com

Top Tip

To add sparkle, try embroidering glittery yarn to accent the butterfly's wings



Frills on the sleeve
tops are the
perfect finish
for this jumper

This pretty butterfly
motif will be a huge
hit with your little girl

Butterfly jumper



Jumper

You will need

- Rooster Baby Rooster, 50g in: Vintage Rose x 4 (5: 5) balls – Yarn A
- Parma Violet x 1 ball – Yarn B
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) DPNs
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) DPNs
- Stitch holders

Measurements

- See sizing guide

Tension

- 25 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

More ideas

Find pretty matching knits and more in Susan Campbell's new book, *Very British Toddler Knits*, published by Search Press, £12.99.

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		1-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years
To fit chest	cm	56	61	66
	in	22	24	26
Actual measurements	cm	59	64	69
	in	23¼	25¼	27¼
Length to shoulder	cm	37	37.5	38
	in	14½	14¾	15
Sleeve length	cm	19	22	24
	in	7½	8½	9½

Jumper Back

With 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 74 (80: 86) sts.

Row 1 P2, (k4, p2) to end.

Row 2 Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 8 times more. **

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Beg with a K row, work in st-st until back measures 23 (23.5: 24)cm, 9 (9¼: 9½)in from cast-on edge, ending on a WS row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 66 (72: 78) sts.

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog tbl, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 64 (70: 76) sts.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 3 (4: 5) times more. 58 (62: 66) sts.

Cont straight until back measures 37 (37.5: 38)cm, 14½ (14¾: 15)in, ending on a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 14 (15: 16) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Leave the remaining 30 (32: 34) sts on stitch holder.

Front

Work as for back to **. Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and beg with a k row, work in st-st until front measures 12 (14: 15)cm, 4¾ (5½: 6)in from cast-on edge, ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS) K11 (14: 17), join in Yarn B and, using Intarsia method, beg working

the Butterfly chart (52 sts), k11 (14: 17).

Cont straight, working the Butterfly chart in the centre of the front, until front measures 23 (23.5: 24)cm, 9 (9¼: 9½)in from cast-on edge, ending on a WS row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 66 (72: 78) sts.

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog tbl, k to last 4 sts k2tog, k2. 64 (70: 76) sts.

Next row Purl. Rep last 2 rows 3 (4: 5) times more. 58 (62: 66) sts. Cont straight until front measures 31 (31.5: 32)cm, 12¼ (12½: 12¾)in, ending on a WS row.

Divide for neck and shoulders

Left shoulder

Row 1 K18 (19: 20), turn and leave rem sts on a stitch holder. Working on these 18 (19: 20) sts only, proceed as follows:

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

17 (18: 19) sts. Rep last 2 rows 3 times more. 14 (15: 16) sts.

Cont straight until front measures the same as back. Cast off.

Right shoulder

With RS facing, leave first 22 (24: 26) sts (neck sts) on a stitch holder, rejoin yarn at neck edge, k to end. 18 (19: 20) sts

Next row (WS) Purl.

Next row K2, k2tog tbl, k to end.

17 (18: 19) sts.

Rep last 2 rows 3 times more.

14 (15: 16) sts.

Cont straight until front measures the same as back. Cast off.

Sleeves (both alike)

With 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Yarn A, cast on 32 (38: 44) sts.

Row 1 P2, (k4, p2) to end.

Row 2 K2, (p4, k2) to end.

Rep these 2 rows 6 (7: 7) times more.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Beg with a K row, work 2 rows in st-st.

Inc row (RS) K3, M1, k to last 3 sts, M1, K3. 34 (40: 46) sts. Work 5 rows in st-st.

Rep from * to * 6 (7: 8) times more, then

Inc row once more. 48 (56: 64) sts

Cont straight until sleeve measures

19 (22: 24)cm, 7½ (8¾: 9½)in or required length from cast-on edge, ending on WS.

Shape top

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

40 (48: 56) sts

Next row (RS) K2, k2tog tbl, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 38 (46: 54) sts.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 11 (13: 15) times more.

16 (20: 24) sts. Cast off 2 sts at beg of

next 4 rows. Cast off rem 8 (12: 16) sts.

To make up

To work the neckband straight (on 2 needles), join just one shoulder seam and work neckband as directed below, working back and forth in st-st and joining at same time as shoulder seam. Block and press work. Join shoulder seams.

Shoulder frill (both alike)

With 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles, RS facing and beg and ending at the top of the armhole shaping, pick up and k42 (44: 46) sts around the armhole.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 M1 into every st. 84 (88: 92) sts.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 M1 into every st. 168 (176: 184) sts.

Row 6 Purl.

Cast off loosely. Press edge of frills.

Using slip st, sew the little side edge at each end of the frill to the armhole edge so that the frill tapers. Fold frill to the RS of the work and pin or tack into position to hold it away from armhole edge while sewing in sleeve. Mark centre of sleeve top. Using mattress st, sew sleeve into position. Remove pins or tacking sts.

Finger press frill outwards toward sleeve. Join sleeve and side seams.

Neck roll

With 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) DPNs, RS facing, Yarn A and beg at left shoulder, pick up and k12 (15: 18) sts from left front neck, k22 (24: 26) sts from front stitch holder, pick up and k12 (15: 18) sts from right front neck, k30 (32: 34) sts from back stitch holder. 76 (86: 96) sts.

Working in the round, knit 12 rounds.

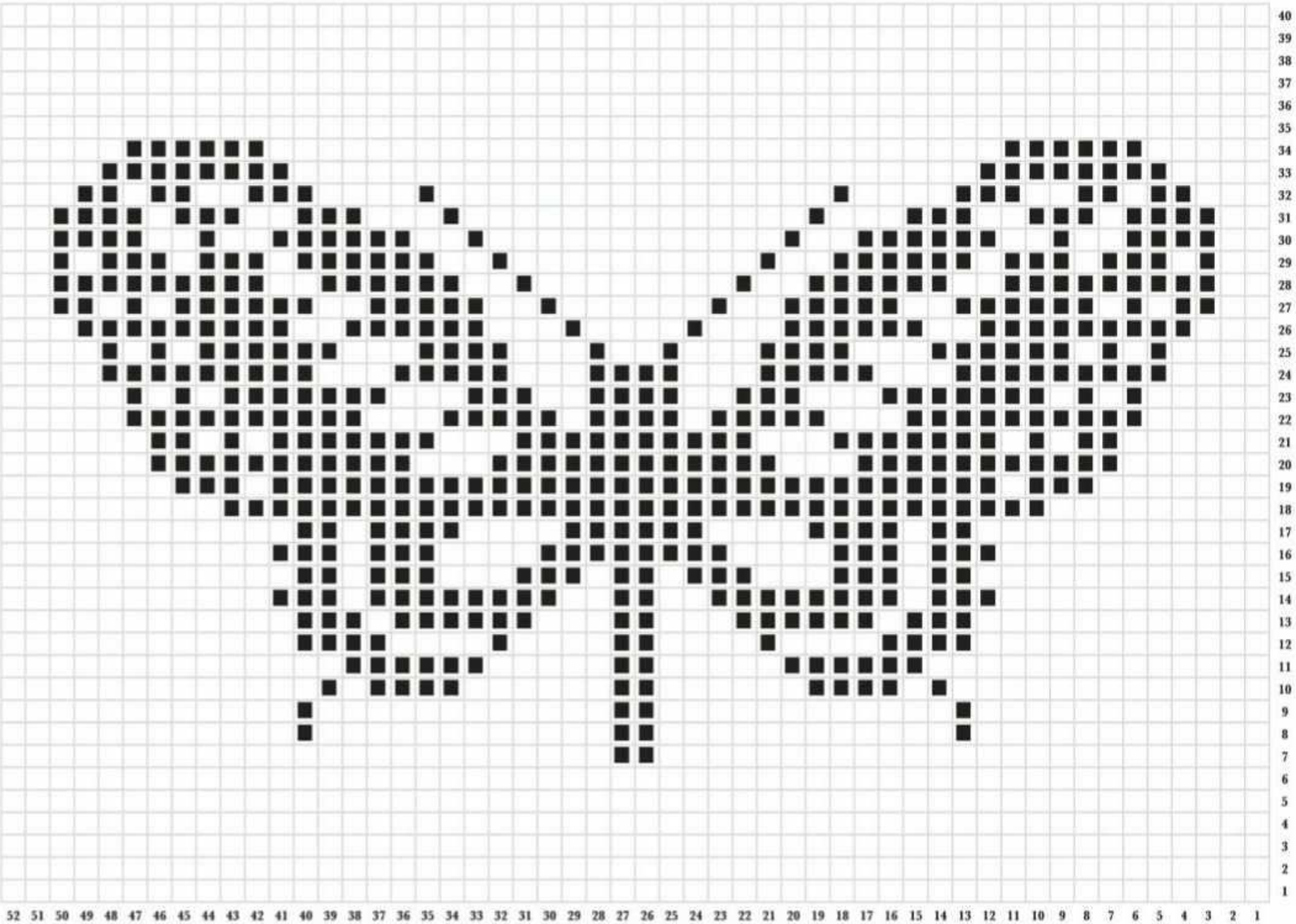
Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) DPNs and knit 4 rounds. Cast off loosely.

Butterfly chart

Key

□ = RS: Knit MC, WS: Purl MC

■ = Contrast colour



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6 Quick & Easy ways... to change your yarn

Believe it or knot (sorry!) there are many ways to change yarn when you're working. Our expert guide shows our six favourites for when knitting straight and in the round...



We all know the feeling, you're mid row and you've reached the end of your yarn ball without noticing!

Do you rip back to the end of the row, or tie a rough knot and hope no one will notice? Well, the real answer is none of the above. There are many different types of 'yarn-joining' knots you can try,

leaving your knitting looking flawless and professional, no matter what you're knitting and how you're knitting it. Perhaps you need to control the exact point of the join, or require a less noticeable join because you're knitting in the round and you've no seam to hide it in. Read on for our expert guide to what knots to use when, and exactly how to make them... ➔

Changing yarn at the beginning of row



FYI Our join examples have been shown from the back (so you can see them), but don't worry, you can't see them from the front!

Magic knot splicing

This technique is best for joining yarn when you are continuing to work in the same colour as it's hard to control the exact point of the join. It creates a strong knot and is invisible which means that you can use it in the middle of a row without worrying about it showing – great if you're short on yarn or are knitting a complex pattern repeat. If using this join in the round avoid placing it where it may press into the skin, such as the sole of a sock.

1 Hold the yarns to be joined parallel to each other, with the cut end of the yarn pointing in opposite directions.

2 Take tail end of one piece of yarn and loop it around the other yarn; make a knot.

3 Pull the knot very tightly.

4 Repeat steps 2-3 for tail end of the second yarn. You now have two knots joining the two lengths of yarn.

5 Pull the working yarn of each piece at the same time in opposite directions – this will slide the two knots next to each other. Be firm, this knot needs to be tight!

6 Trim back the spare yarn right next to the knots with sharp scissors. Tuck the knot behind the work after you've knitted a couple more rows.



Temporary knot

Choose this technique if changing colours when working flat. You can control the point of the join and, if using it at the end of a row, you can weave yarn ends into the seam when you join it later, or into the back of the work.

1 When you've reached the place you want to make your colour change, drop your working yarn and take up the new yarn. Join the two ends together with a loose knot fairly close to the turning point to avoid baggy stitches.

2 Continue working with the new colour until you've reached your next changeover point or finished your project.

3 Undo the knot and weave the two yarn tails into the wrong side of the fabric using duplicate stitch, matching the tension of the surrounding stitches and leaving a 5cm tail unwoven.

4 Block your pieces according to the pattern instructions and then snip off the excess yarn – if you snip before blocking you may find the yarn tail comes unravelled a little if the stitches are stretched during blocking.



Knit with two strands

This is a very easy method and very secure too. This technique works best when you're using the same or similar colours in your project. As it creates slightly bulkier stitches, work it at the edge of the piece, not in the centre, to avoid unsightly lumps appearing in your finished knitting. It also makes it easier to hide while blocking, with the thicker parts at the edge of your work. We've shown this technique in contrasting colours to show the stitches clearly.

1 Work to a few stitches before you want to make your changeover.

2 Pick up the new yarn with the cut end of the yarn away from you.

3 Wrap the working ends of the old and new yarns around the right needle together and work the next stitch, and the following two stitches using both yarns at the same time.

4 Continue working with the new yarn only. During blocking, pull the stitches a little so that the doubled layer of yarn is hidden at the back of the work. You can weave in both tails using duplicate stitch later and then snip the excess tails off after you've finished blocking. ➡



Changing yarn in the middle of a round



Russian join

It can be very hard to join finer yarns without it showing in your finished knitting, particularly in lace patterns. The Russian join can be a little bit fiddly and you can't control the exact join point easily so it's better for single colours.

But it does create a beautiful finish and is perfect for when you suddenly discover you need to change yarn in the middle of a row with hundreds of stitches on it. Because of this, shawl knitters love it! As you need to be able to split the plies of the yarn, this technique doesn't work on fine single ply yarns but you can use it on chunky single ply yarns that are thick enough to thread your needle into.

1 Take a fine needle, thread with tail end of the

working yarn, form the yarn into a U shape and insert needle into the plies of the working end.

2 Run the needle back through the yarn, to create a small loop at the end. Hold the loops as you work to avoid pulling it too tight, making it unworkable.

3 Thread the new yarn onto a fine needle and pass this through the loop you've just made.

4 Repeat the process, by running the new yarn back through its yarn length to join the two yarns together.

5 Pull on each yarn a little to smooth out the join, making it nice and tidy.

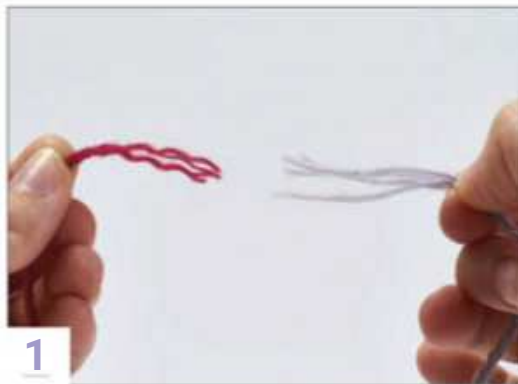
6 Trim off any excess yarn and continue to knit where you left off.



Spit Splicing

This technique only works with animal fibre yarns that aren't machine washable. The chemicals used in the superwash treatment that prevent yarn from felting in the machine will also stop you from spit splicing, so check the yarn label first before trying this technique. It can be hard to control the exact join point so this is a technique for joining a new ball of the same colour. It can be used on single ply and also on multi-ply yarns.

- 1** Take the ends of the current yarn and the yarn to be joined and fray them so that the ends are split, as shown. If the yarn is very bulky cut away about half of the plies.
- 2** Lay the two ends over each other, running in opposite directions and intermingle the ends.
- 3** Wet them by dipping them in warm water or putting them in your mouth, the old-fashioned way!
- 4** Place the two ends together in the palms of your hands and rub them together quickly. The warmth, moisture and friction will join them seamlessly by felting them together. You can rub the join against your knee if you prefer.



Weave in as you go

This option works brilliantly when you are using a lot of different colours as it weaves in the ends as you go, avoiding the nightmare of dozens of ends to sort out when you've finished your project! It's particularly good for Fair Isle knitting or stripey patterns because you can control when the yarns join together in the pattern. As it adds a little bit of bulk to your fabric, it works better for yarns that are on the finer side, like DK and 4ply. Quick tip! Make sure not to pull the old yarn too tightly across the back of the work to avoid puckering in your work.

- 1** At the yarn change point, take up the new yarn and knit a stitch with it.
- 2** Now pick up the old yarn's yarn tail and lay it over the new yarn and then work your next stitch in the new yarn in front of it (this is so that you can weave the lengths into the back of the stitch).
- 3** Drop the old yarn's yarn tail and work your next stitch normally in the new yarn.
- 4** Repeat steps 2-3 for a few more stitches. Ignore the old yarn from now on and snip off any excess after blocking. On the next round repeat with the new yarn tail to weave it in as well. ♡



Bright stripes

Add a splash of colour to her wardrobe with **Joanna Allport's** dress, worked in vertical and horizontal stripes for an eye-catching finish!

With striking colours, a sweet neckline, picot hem and contrasting stripes, this dress has it all! Knitted using the 'short row' technique (read more about this over the page) it fits beautifully with

the pretty skirt flaring neatly from the waist, which is fitted while still being stretchy and comfortable to wear. We love this short, stripey number, but if you'd prefer your dress with a longer-length skirt, you'll find instructions in the pattern.

Top Tip

The long version would look fabulous with a wide matching ribbon around the waist

About this yarn

Patons Fairytale Merino Mix DK

50% wool, 50% polyamide

120m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£3.70, to order call 01484 950 630

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Knit a
short
or long
version

Colourful stripes
will always be
in fashion!

Wear this dress on its own, or
pop it over a long-sleeved
t-shirt during cooler months

Striped dress



Dress

You will need

- Patons Fairytale Merino Mix DK, 50g in:
 - Short version (pictured)
Red (shade 01030) x 2 (3: 3: 4: 4) balls – yarn A
 - Fuchsia (shade 01037) x 2 (3: 3: 4: 4) balls – yarn B
- Long version
Red (shade 01030) x 3 (4: 4: 5: 5) balls – yarn A
- Fuchsia (shade 01037) x 3 (4: 4: 5: 5) balls – yarn B
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- 4mm (UK 8, US 6) circular needle, approx 100cm in length
- Spare needle or stitch holder

Tension

- 20 sts and 40 rows to 10cm (4in) over g-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles

Abbreviations

- Wrap and turn: wrap next stitch – bring yarn forward, slip the st from the left needle to the right, then take the yarn back. Slip the stitch back to the left needle. Turn and take the yarn back
- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 mths	6-12 mths	12-18 mths	18-24 mths	2-3 years
To fit chest	cm	47	50	52	54	56
	in	18½	19¾	20½	21¼	22
Actual measurements	cm	53	56	58	60	63
	in	21	22	22¾	23¾	24¾
Length to back neck (short version)	cm	41	44	47	49	54
	in	16	17¼	18½	19¼	20¼
Length to back neck (long version)	cm	51	55	58	63	70
	in	20	21¾	22¾	24¾	27½

Dress

Pattern note

An allowance of 1 st around all edges has been included for sewing up.

Skirt

Short version

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and yarn B, cast on 46 (48: 50: 54: 62) sts.

Work in the following pattern:

With yarn A:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

Note Make sure that the wrap around the stitch is quite loose so that you can knit it when it comes to knitting across the row.

Change to yarn B, weaving unused yarn loosely up the side of your work.

Row 3 K26 (28: 30: 32: 36) sts, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 K23 (25: 27: 29: 33) sts, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 6 Knit.

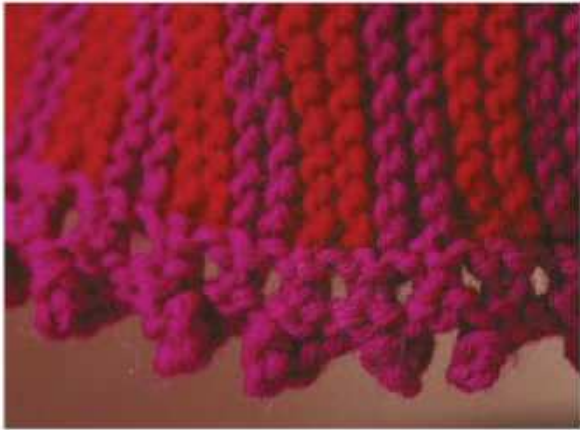
With yarn A:

Row 7 Knit across row, knitting the wraps with the corresponding stitch. **Note** It may be easier to slip the wrapped stitch to the right needle temporarily so that you can pick up the wrap and put it on the right needle. Move both the wrap and stitch back to the left needle and knit together.

Row 8 Knit.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Repeat these 8 rows until the narrow



edge measures 53 (56: 58: 61: 63)cm, 20¾ (22: 23¾: 24: 24¾)in ending with row 8. Cast off all sts.

Long version

Using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and yarn B, cast on 64 (68: 74: 82: 94) sts.

Work in the following pattern:

With yarn A:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

Note Make sure that the wrap around the stitch is quite loose so that you can knit it when it comes to knitting across the row.

Change to yarn B, weaving unused yarn loosely up the side of your work.

Row 3 K60 (64: 70: 78: 90) sts, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 K57 (61: 67: 75: 87) sts, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 6 Knit.

With yarn A:

Row 7 Knit across row, knitting the wraps with the corresponding stitch. **Note** It may be easier to slip the wrapped stitch

Short row technique

To knit short rows you knit part of a row, wrap a stitch, leaving the remaining stitches on the needle, turn and knit back down the row. You continue in this way, as the pattern states, until the end and then knit the whole row to return to the beginning. Knitting the wrapped stitch with the stitch on the final row eliminates holes. This will make a wedge – in this case a godet to make the skirt swing.



to the right needle temporarily so that you can pick up the wrap and put it on the right needle. Move both the wrap and stitch back to the left needle and knit together.

Row 8 Knit.

These 8 rows form pattern.

Repeat these 8 rows until the narrow edge measures 53 (56: 58: 61: 63)cm, 20¾ (22: 22¾: 24: 24¾)in, ending with row 8. Cast off all sts.

Bodice

Pattern note

Stitches picked up along the shorter edge of the skirt are for the back and the front. These are knitted flat and together until the armhole is reached, then the back and front split.

Taking the shorter side edge of the skirt, and RS facing, with 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles and yarn A, pick up and knit 108 (116: 120: 128: 132) sts along this edge.

Next row (WS) Knit.

Now commence pattern:

With yarn B:

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Knit.

With yarn A:

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Knit.

These 4 rows form pattern.

Cont in pattern until Bodice measures 9 (10: 11: 12: 12)cm, 3½ (4: 4½: 4¾: 4¾)in, ending with a WS row.

Split for front and back

Working the back first and cont in pattern as set:

Next row (RS) Pattern 54 (58: 60: 64: 66) sts and put the rem 54 (58: 60: 64: 66) sts onto a holder. Turn and work 1 row, ending with a WS row.

Shape sleeves

Cast on 2 sts at the beg of next 2 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at the beg of the following row. 64 (68: 70: 74: 76) sts

Work straight in patt as set until sleeve measures 10 (11: 12: 12: 13)cm, 4 (4¼: 4¾: 4¾: 5)in, measured from the start of the cast-on sts, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 6 (6: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of the next 4 (4: 6: 4: 4) rows.

Cast off 7 (8: –: 8: 8) sts at the beg of the next 2 (2: –: 2) rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off rem 26 (28: 28: 30: 32) sts.

Work front of bodice

With RS facing, join yarn at the middle and pattern to end.

54 (58: 60: 64: 66) sts.

Next row (WS) Patt to end.

Shape sleeves

Cast on 2 sts at the beg of next 2 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at the beg of the following row. 64 (68: 70: 74: 76) sts.

Work straight in patt as set until sleeve measures 5 (6: 6: 6: 7)cm, 2 (2¼: 2¼: 2¼: 2¾)in, ending with a WS row and measured from the start of cast-on sts.

Next row (RS) Patt 23 (24: 25: 26: 26) sts, cast off 18 (20: 20: 22: 24) sts, patt 23 (24: 25: 26: 26) sts.

23 (24: 25: 26: 26) sts on each side

Shape right neck

Next row (WS) Patt to last 2 sts, k2tog.

22 (23: 24: 25: 25) sts.

Next row (RS) Patt to end.

Rep these 2 rows 3 more times.

19 (20: 21: 22: 22) sts.

Cont straight until work measures the same as the back to the shoulder, ending with a RS row.

Shape right shoulder

Cont in patt and cast off 6 (6: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of next 2 (2: 3: 2: 2) WS rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off the rem sts.

Shape left neck

Join yarn at the neck edge and with WS facing:

Next row (WS) Ssk, patt to end.

22 (23: 24: 25: 25) sts.

Next row (RS) Patt to end.

Rep these 2 rows 3 more times.

19 (20: 21: 22: 22) sts.

Cont straight until work measures the same as the back to the shoulder, ending with a WS row.

Shape left shoulder

Cont in patt and cast off 6 (6: 7: 7: 7) sts at the beg of the next 2 (2: 3: 2: 2) RS rows.

Work 1 row.

Cast off the rem sts.

To make up

Sew shoulder seams. Sew the side seam, the bodice and the skirt.

Eyelet and picot hemline

Starting at the side seam, RS facing, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) circular needle and yarn B, pick up and knit 174 (184: 192: 200: 206) sts evenly along the bottom edge. Join and mark the join.

Round 1 (RS) Purl.

Round 2 *K2tog, yo; rep from * to end of round.

Round 3 Purl.

Work picot cast-off edging as follows:

Round 4 Cast off 3 sts, *cast on 2 sts, cast off 5 sts; rep from * until there are no more sts left.

Weave in ends. See ball band for further care instructions. ♥

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- Stylecraft Special DK, 100g, 1 ball in each of:
 - Apricot (shade 1026)
 - Silver (shade 1203)
 - Duck Egg (shade 1820)
 - Pomegranate (shade 1083)
 - Lipstick (shade 1246)
 - Graphite (shade 1063)
 - White (shade 1001)
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Toy filling
- White thread
- Tapestry needle

Measurements

- Approx 22cm (8¾in) tall when sitting

Tension

- 26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Top Tip

When stuffing small pieces, use the eye of the darning needle to push the filling in

About this yarn

Stylecraft Special DK

100% acrylic

295m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£1.99, for stockists call 01535 609 798 or visit www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk



Penny the pig

This playful little piggy, in her pretty dress with its heart motif, is all ready for a party – garden parties are her favourite!

Our cute pig is the basic body pattern for her three friends: a cow, donkey and sheep. Worked mainly in stocking stitch, with a bit of garter stitch here and there, they each have individual facial features, ears and clothes. Knitted in hard-wearing, machine washable Stylecraft Special DK, you don't need to worry about them being dropped into muddy puddles either!

Pig

Legs (make 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Silver, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, st-st 6 rows.

Change to Apricot and st-st 26 rows.

Next row K2tog, k8, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k8, k2tog. 20 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, k6, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k6, k2tog. 16 sts.

Next row Purl.

Cast off.

Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Sew seam across foot and up leg.

Turn RS out and stuff with filling.

Sew across leg top.

Body

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and White, cast on 6 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 12 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. 60 sts.

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, st-st 8 rows.

Work 6 rows in g-st.

Change to Apricot and st-st 20 rows.

Shoulder, neck and head shaping

Row 1 (K3, k2tog) to end. 48 sts.

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Next row K2tog to end. 12 sts.

Next row Inc in every st. 24 sts.

Next row (K1, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

Next row (K2, inc in next st) to end. 48 sts.

Next row (K3, inc in next st) to end. 60 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 25 rows.

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. 48 sts

Next (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

Next row (K1, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Next row (K2tog) to end. 12 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through sts.

Pull up sts tightly and secure. With RS to the inside, sew seam of base then sew seam of body and head, leaving a 5cm (2in) gap. Turn RS out and, with seam to back, stuff head and body with filling. Sew seam, leaving a small gap for tying in ends of eyes. With shaped edges flat against body, sew legs to base.

Snout

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Apricot, cast on 9 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 18 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K1, inc in next 2 sts) to end. 30 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K4, inc in next st) to end. 36 sts.

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, st-st 4 rows.

Cast off.

Gather round cast-on sts and sew seam.

Turn RS out and add some filling. Pin snout in place at front of face with head seam to the centre back. Sew snout to face, adding a little more filling as you go – do not overstuff, front of snout should be flat.

For eyes, cast on 2 sts using Graphite and cast off. Sew eyes in position about 12 sts above last inc row of head and with 10 sts between them. Check they look even either side of snout. Secure ends in gap, add a little more filling then close gap securely. Use White thread to sew a tiny stitch in the top right of each eye. Use a length of Silver to work 2 daisy chain sts for nostrils in middle of snout. Use the flat edge of a red colouring pencil to work soft circles below eyes at sides of snout to indicate cheeks.

Ears (make 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Apricot, cast on 7 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. 14 sts

Work 11 rows g-st.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 12 sts.

Work 3 rows g-st.

Rep last 4 rows until 6 sts remain.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 4 sts.

Next row K2tog twice. 2 sts.

Fasten off.

Fold ears over, then pin in place on top of head, with about 3cm (1¼in) between them. Sew securely to side of head then attach tip of ear to face a little above eyes. Tie in all loose ends.

Arms (make 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Silver, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 10 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in every st. 20 sts.

Next row Knit.

Starting with a knit row, st-st 6 rows.

Change to Apricot and st-st 26 rows.

Next row K2tog, k6, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k6, k2tog. 16 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row K2tog, k4, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k4, k2tog. 12 sts.

Next row Purl.

Cast off. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly. Fold, then sew, seam to shaped top. Turn RS out and stuff with filling. Sew rem seam. Pin in place at sides of body, with arms facing slightly forward. Sew in place securely and tie in loose ends.

Dress

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Duck Egg, cast on 180 sts and g-st 6 rows.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. 150 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Using White, k1, using Duck Egg, k1 to end.

Next row Using Duck Egg, purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Using Duck Egg, p2, (using Lipstick, p1, using Duck Egg, p3) to end.

Next row Using Duck Egg, k2, (using Lipstick, k1, using Duck Egg, k1) to end.

Next row Using Duck Egg, purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.*

Next row (K3, k2tog) to end. 120 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row (K2, k2tog) to end. 90 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 5 rows.

Shape armholes

Row 1 K20, cast off 5 sts, k39 (40 sts including one from cast off), cast off 5 sts, k19 (20 sts including one from cast off). Work on first 20 sts as follows:

Row 1 (P1, p2tog) to last 2 sts, p2tog. 13 sts.

Next row K2tog, knit to end. 12 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

Cut yarn and put on a st holder.

Rejoin yarn to front 40 sts.

Row 1 (P1, p2tog) to last st, p1. 27 sts.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 25 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (K2tog, k1) x 3, k7, (k1, k2tog) to end. 19 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 5 rows.

Cut yarn and put on a st holder.

Rejoin yarn to last 20 sts.

Row 1 (P2tog, p1) to last 2 sts, p2tog. 13 sts.

Next row Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 12 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

Cut yarn.

Using White, knit along first 12 sts, cast on 5 sts, k19 from st holder, cast on 5 sts, k12 from last st holder. 53 sts.

Next row Knit.

Next row (K1, yfwd, k2tog) to last 2 sts, k2tog. 52 sts.

Next row Knit.

Cast off.

Find centre front of dress and Swiss-darn a heart using Pomegranate following the chart below. Outline the heart in backstitch using Lipstick. Sew seam of dress to waist. Turn RS out and place on pig, putting arms in armholes. Sew rem seam to neckline. Sew neckline to pig to keep secure. Weave in all loose ends. 🍷

Heart chart

Key

☐ = Swiss-darn in Pomegranate

	V	V		V	V		7
	V	V	V	V	V		
	V	V	V	V	V		5
		V	V	V			
		V	V	V			3
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Mabel the cow

Delightful Mabel loves playing in fields of flowers – that's why her favourite dress is decorated with a floral motif!

To make Mabel, start by following the pattern for Penny the pig, but using different shades of yarn. Then add features that are Mabel's own – we love the way her ears stick out at the sides! Mabel's dress is a copy of Penny's dress, but in a bright green with a floral motif. We think Mabel's the perfect companion for taking on journeys into the countryside for picnics!

Cow

Note 'You Will Need' list over the page.

Legs and arms

Make as for pig using Graphite instead of Silver and White instead of Apricot.

Body and head

Make as for pig using White instead of Apricot and Mustard instead of White. Using lengths of Graphite, work some random spots in Swiss darning on the

head and neck. Sew seams and stuff body and head in same way as for pig.

Face

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Apricot, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (and every alt) row Purl.

Next row Inc in first 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, inc in both. 12 sts.

Next row Inc in first st, k1, inc in next st, knit to last 3 sts, inc in next st, k1, inc in last st. 16 sts.

Cow toy

You will need

- Stylecraft Special DK, 100g, 1 ball in each of:
 - Apricot (shade 1026)
 - Graphite (shade 1063)
 - Kelly Green (shade 1826)
 - Grass Green (shade 1821)
 - Mustard (shade 1823)
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Toy filling
- White thread
- Tapestry needle

Measurements

- Approx 22cm (8¾in) tall when sitting

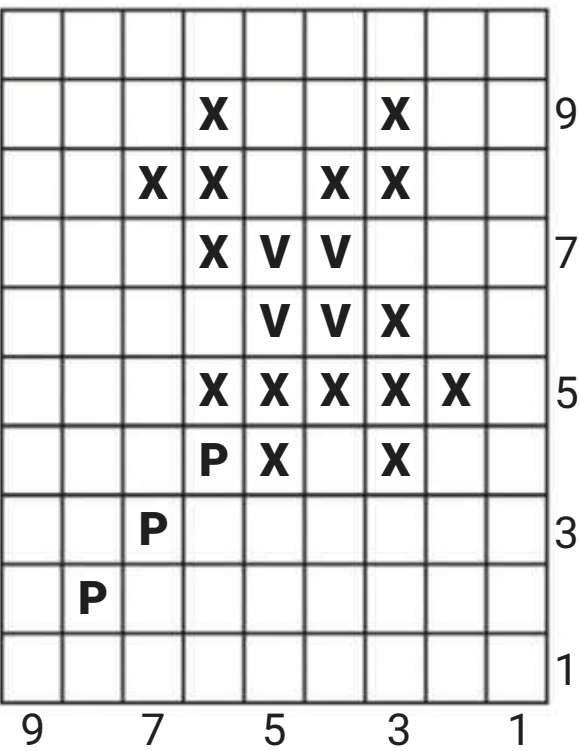
Tension

- 26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Flower chart



- Key
- V = Swiss-darn in White
 - X = Swiss-darn in Mustard
 - P = Swiss-darn in Grass Green

Next row Inc in first st, k2, inc in next st, knit to last 4 sts, inc in next st, k2, inc in last st. 20 sts.

Next row K3, inc in next st, knit to last 4 sts, inc in next st, k3. 22 sts.

Next row K3, k2tog, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, k3. 20 sts.

Next row K2tog, k2, k2tog, knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k2, k2tog. 16 sts.

Next row K2tog, k1, k2tog, knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, k1, k2tog. 12 sts.

Next row K2tog twice, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog twice. 8 sts.

Cast off.

With centre seam of head at back, pin face at front starting about 3 rows up from neck and finishing about 13 rows above this. Sew in place, adding a little filling as you go. Using Graphite, work a slanted daisy chain st at each end of face, with about 8 sts between them at the base (see photo) for nostrils. Work eyes as for pig. Tie in loose ends securely.

Ears (make 2)

Outer ear

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Graphite, cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. 10 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, knit to last st, inc. 12 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 10 sts.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 2 sts remain.

Next row K2tog.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Inner ear

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and White, cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 Inc in every st. 8 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row Inc in first st, k to last st, inc. 10 sts.

Starting with a purl row, st-st 5 rows.

Next row K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. 8 sts.

Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 2 sts remain.

Pull first st over second st.

Cut yarn and thread through.

With RS facing, sew inner ear to outer ear

along seams, leaving cast-on edges. Tie in loose ends. Turn RS out and sew across cast-on edges. Fold ears in half at base and sew seam. Pin ears to sides of head about 3 rows up from eyes. Sew in place.

Horns (make 2)

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Apricot, cast on 6 sts.

Work 4 rows st-st.

Next row K2tog to end. 3 sts.

Cut yarn and thread through.

Pull up yarn tightly and secure.

With reverse st-st to front, sew seam to cast-on edge, adding a little filling as you go. With centre seam at back, place horns on top of head with about 2cm in between them. Sew in place securely.

Complete body of cow as for pig.

Dress

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Kelly Green, cast on 180 sts and g-st 6 rows.

Next row (K4, k2tog) to end. 150 sts.

Next row Purl.

Next row (Using Kelly Green, k3, using Grass Green, k1) to last 2 sts, using Kelly Green, k2.

Next row Using Kelly Green, p2, (using Grass Green, p1, using Kelly Green, p3) to end.

Next row (Using Kelly Green, k3, using Mustard, k1) to last 2 sts, using Kelly Green, k2.

Next row Using Kelly Green, p1, (using Mustard, p1, using White, p1, using Mustard, p1, using Kelly Green, p1) to last st, using Kelly Green, p1.

Next row (Using Kelly Green, k3, using Mustard, k1) to last 2 sts, using Kelly Green, k2.

Next row Using Kelly Green, purl.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Rep dress as for pig from *.

Find centre front and Swiss-darn a flower using White, Mustard and Grass Green (see the chart, opposite). Sew seam of dress to waist. Turn RS out and place on cow, putting arms in armholes. Sew rem seam to neckline. Sew neckline to cow to keep secure. Weave in all loose ends. 🌱

Donkey toy

You will need

- Stylecraft Special DK, 100g, 1 ball in each of:
 - Graphite (shade 1063)
 - Silver (shade 1203)
 - Cream (shade 1005)
 - Grey (shade 1099)
 - Spice (shade 1711)
 - Duck Egg (shade 1820)
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Toy filling
- White thread
- Black thread
- Tapestry needle

Measurements

- Approx 22cm (8¾in) tall when sitting

Tension

- 26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Top Tip

If you don't like sewing seams, knit the arms and legs in the round – just share the sts between 3 DPNs and work in the same way as in the pattern



Duncan the donkey

One of the two boys in the quartet, Duncan looks all set for rough-and-tumble play in his star-studded T-shirt!

Make Duncan by following the legs, arms, body and head pattern for Penny the pig, and the same ears and nose as Mabel the cow, but with different shades of yarn. Duncan's ready for all sorts of adventures in his sporty, brightly-coloured jumper with a Swiss-darned star motif. We're wondering if he has dreams of being famous when he grows up!

Donkey

Legs and arms

Make as for pig using Graphite instead of Apricot.

Body and head

Make as for pig using Graphite only, and working 6 rows st-st instead of g-st.

Face

Work as for cow using Cream instead of

Apricot. Work eyes as for pig using Silver – add a few straight sts on top of each other in black thread (at base of eyes). Use Grey to work nostrils as for cow.

Ears

Work ears as for cow using Cream for inner ear instead of White.

Mane

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and

Grey, cast on 12 sts.
Row 1 Purl.
Next row Inc in every st. 24 sts.
Next row K1, inc in next st, knit to last 2 sts, inc, k1. 26 sts.
Next row Purl.
Next row K2, inc in next st, knit to last 3 sts, inc, k2. 28 sts.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to last 2 sts, p2. 26 sts.
Next row Cast off 2 sts, knit to end. 24 sts.
Next row Purl.
Next row Knit.
Next row Knit.
Starting with a knit row, st-st 4 rows.
Next row K2tog to end. 12 sts.
Next row Purl.
Cast off.
Fold flap over and sew top to space between two ridges at top of mane at both sides. Sew seams to base. Turn RS out and add filling. Sew seam at base. Pin to head starting about 2cm, (¾in), down from centre top and working backwards. Sew in place securely.

Jumper back & front (both alike)
Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles and Spice, cast on 50 sts and work 5 rows in 1x1 rib.
Next row (WS) Knit.
Starting with a knit row, st-st 6 rows.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 48 sts.

Top Tip

When joining cast-on sts to sts on stitch holder at neckline, knit into the back of the first st – this helps to give a neater join

Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows until 42 sts remain.

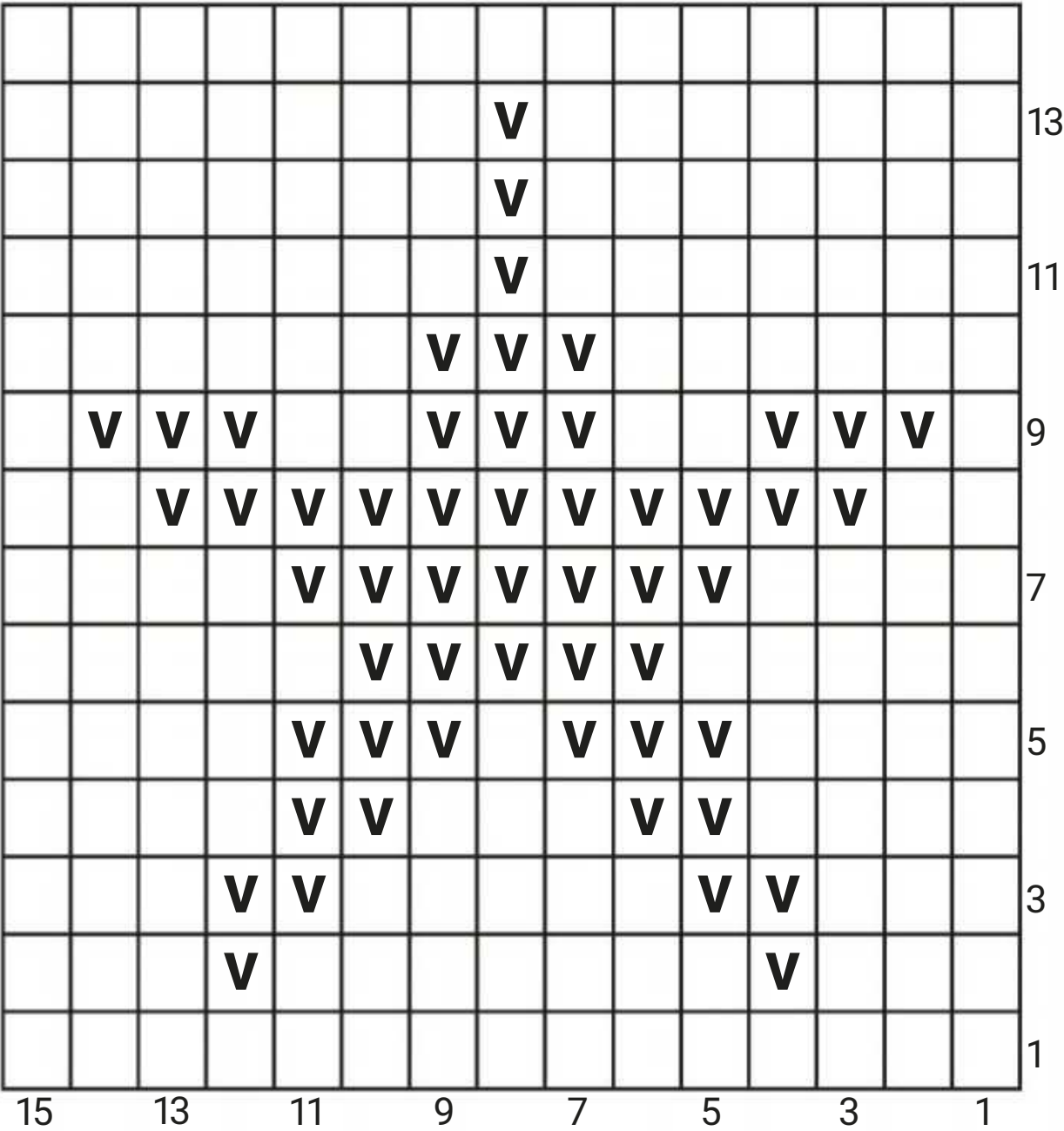
Shape armhole
Row 1 Cast off 3 sts, knit to end. 39 sts.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, purl to end. 36 sts.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 34 sts.
Next row P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. 32 sts.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 30 sts.
Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows until 26 sts remain.
Next row K2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 20 sts.
G-st 3 rows. Cast off.

Sleeves (make 2)
Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/ 3) needles and Spice, cast on 30 sts.

Star chart

Key
[V] = Swiss-darn in Duck Egg

Work 5 rows 1x1 rib.
Next row Knit.
Shape armhole
Next row Cast off 3 sts, knit to end. 27 sts.
Next row Cast off 3 sts, purl to end. 24 sts.
Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 22 sts.
Next row Purl.
Rep last 2 rows until 18 sts remain.
Next row K2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 14 sts
Next row Knit.
Next row K2tog to end. 7 sts.
Next row Knit.
Cast off.
Find roughly the centre of T-shirt and work star from chart in Swiss-darning using Duck Egg, starting about the eighth row up from rib. Sew seams tog and tie in all loose ends. Turn RS out and put on donkey (over the legs and body). 🐾



Sheep toy

You will need

- Stylecraft Special DK, 100g, 1 ball in each of:
 - Silver (shade 1203)
 - Cream (shade 1005)
 - Grey (shade 1099)
 - Grass Green (shade 1821)
 - Mustard (shade 1823)
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 2 stitch holders
- Toy filling
- Black thread
- Tapestry needle

Measurements

- Approx 22cm (8¾in) tall when sitting

Tension

- 26 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87



Jacob the sheep

What a cute little boy this darling sheep is, but he looks like he needs the other three to keep him out of trouble!

Jacob is the last of our four friends, and is made using the same pattern as both Penny the pig and Mabel the cow in different shades of yarn. His jumper is like Duncan the donkey's, but has a fun striped pattern in bright colours. Like his three friends, he's soft and squishy and perfect for cuddling.

Top Tip

All the dresses and jumpers on our farmyard friends are quite loose fitting - for a tighter fit, use smaller needles

Sheep

Legs and arms

Make as for pig using Cream.

Body and head

Make as for pig using Cream only, and working 6 rows st-st instead of g-st.

Face, eyes and ears

Work as for cow using Grey. Sew to front of head as for cow. Using black thread, work a 'Y' shape. Work eyes as for cow. Work ears as for cow, using

Grey for outer ears and Cream for inner ears. Pull ears downwards.

Jumper

Make as for donkey jumper in the following stripe patt:

2 rows Grass Green

2 rows Mustard.

Work ribbed bands in Mustard.

Work g-st neckband in Grass Green.

Work sleeves all in Mustard.

Tie in loose ends securely to finish. ♥

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Babies lose body heat quickly, so knitted hats are essential



Knitters from the 1st Wychbury Senior Section in Worcestershire made 140 hats

Hats off!

We find out how a charity campaign to knit hats for premature babies received an overwhelming response...

When organisers launched a campaign to find volunteer knitters to make 100 hats for premature and sick babies in 30 days, they were astonished to receive ten times the target amount! Over 30 organisations and groups signed up to the 'Make a Hat for a Preemie' campaign in April, run by Premies UK and vCreate. The 1000 woolly hats are now being sent to Neonatal Units across the country.

Shelley Mitchell, Founder of Premies UK, a Worcestershire-based charity that encourages knitters to make handmade cardigans, hats, blankets and toys for premature babies around the UK, says, "We have been overwhelmed by the positive response to this campaign. I would like to thank everyone who took part in 'Make a Hat for a Preemie'; you should be very proud of yourselves."

Shelley highlights the outstanding effort of Girlguiding Worcestershire, "We had originally set a campaign target of 100 hats – then we got a call from Debbie Carter, the group leader at 1st Wychbury

Senior Section, saying that her group had made 140, so that was our campaign target reached from one group. It's amazing."

Also keen to participate were 2nd Hagley Rainbows; their group leader, Maxine Wyeth, says, "I am so pleased and proud of my Rainbows for participating in such a worthwhile cause." Maxine was keen to support the initiative following the premature birth of her daughter, Georgina. She adds, "The little knitted hats are such a comfort to both baby and mum, as not only do they keep them warm, they make baby look cosy and protected, in what appears to be a very frightening incubator, full of wires and tubes."

The hats received by Premies UK will now be sent to Neonatal Units across the UK to ensure that babies are kept warm whilst they are receiving specialist care. Hats are especially important in Neonatal Units, because babies can lose body heat quickly and have more difficulty generating heat to warm up.

Sarah Handley is Marketing Manager for vCreate, an NHS-approved video



2nd Hagley Rainbows with hats they made for the campaign and their Group Leader, Maxine, whose daughter was a premature baby



messaging service for Neonatal Units, she says, "We are thrilled with the response to 'Make a Hat for a Preemie'. This is the first year that we've run the campaign with Premies UK, and we now have our sights set on 2019 and an even bigger target. I would like to thank all involved, and encourage our volunteer knitters to carry on their great work!"

Although the Make a Hat for a Preemie campaign is closed for this year, Premies UK is always in need of hats, octopuses, booties, blankets and cardies to send to NHS Neonatal Units. To find out more check out www.facebook.com/PremiesUK and send knits to Premies UK, 138 Farmers Green, Droitwich WR9 9EH

Stay & play

Simple to knit and comfy to wear, these dungarees from **Sirdar** are brought to life with a gorgeous self-stripping yarn

There's nothing cuter on a baby than a pair of dungarees, especially when worn over a simple t-shirt. This adorable pattern is worked in stocking stitch, with garter stitch edgings to provide a bit of stretch. Ideal

for everyday wear, they're soft and comfy to move around in, but with a blend of acrylic and nylon you can be sure that they'll go the distance! You'll love knitting with this yarn and seeing the gentle Fair Isle colour effect gradually appear.

About this yarn

Sirdar Snuggly Baby Crofter 4-ply

55% nylon 45% acrylic

226m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£4.10, for stockists call 01924

231 682 or visit www.sirdar.co.uk

Top Tip

Sew buttons on extra securely using the yarn from your project, or a strong sewing thread



A baby with light hair and blue eyes is sitting on a light-colored, textured rug. The baby is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt under a pair of blue and white striped dungarees. The baby is holding a red rattle with a wooden handle in their right hand. The background is a light-colored wooden wall.

Comfy
dungarees
for busy
babies!

The dungarees are
fastened with a pair of
buttons at each shoulder

Stripey dungarees



Dungarees

You will need

- Sirdar Snuggly Baby Crofter 4-ply, 50g in Scottie (shade 152) x 2 (3: 4) balls
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) knitting needles
- Stitch holders
- 4 buttons

Tension

- 28 sts and 36 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Top Tip

This pattern is also suitable for Snuggly 4-ply, although amounts may vary

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51
	in	16	18	20
Actual measurements	cm	47	53	57
	in	18½	21	22½
Full length (from back of neck)	cm	50	56	65
	in	19¾	22	25½

Dungarees

Trouser legs (both alike)

Using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and thumb method cast on 50 (56: 62) sts.

Work 7 rows in g-st.

Row 8 K2 (1: 4), m1, (k2, m1) 23 (27: 27) times, k2 (1: 4). 74 (84: 90) sts.

Shape leg

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Work 2 rows st-st.

Cont in st-st proceed as follows:

Row 3 Inc in first st, knit to last 2 sts, inc in next st, k1. 76 (86: 92) sts.

Row 4 Purl.

The last 2 rows set the position of side edge incs.

Work 34 (46: 64) rows, inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and every foll 4th row. 92 (108: 124) sts.

For 0-6mths and 6-12mths only

Work 8 (4) rows, inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 100 (112) sts.

Shape crotch

Cast off 5 (6: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 90 (100: 110) sts.

Work 2 rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 86 (96: 106) sts.

Work 7 (5: 9) rows, dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 78 (90: 96) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 37 (42: 50)cm, 14½ (16½: 19½)in, ending with a WS row. Leave

rem 78 (90: 96) sts on a stitch holder. Place marker between 39th (45th: 48th) and 40th (46th: 49th) sts to indicate exact halfway point.

Divide for front and back

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and beg at marker on left leg, work across 156 (180: 192) sts left on stitch holders for both legs as follows:

Next row Knit to marker on right leg, turn, leave rem 78 (90: 96) sts on a stitch holder for back.

Next row P15 (17: 18), (p3tog) 3 (4: 4) times, p30 (32: 36), (p3tog) 3 (4: 4) times, p15 (17: 18). 66 (74: 80) sts.

Front

Work 6 rows in g-st.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Work 6 rows in st-st.

Shape armholes

Cast off 4 (5: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 58 (64: 68) sts.

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 56 (62: 66) sts.

Work 1 (3: 3) rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 54 (56: 60) sts.

Work 5 rows, dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row. 48 (50: 54) sts.

Cont without shaping until armholes measure 4 (5: 6)cm, 1½ (2: 2¼)in, ending with a WS row.

It's in the detail

The legs of the dungarees are joined at the front and back, and then sewn up on the inside. Although there are no poppers at the crotch, the loose fit of these dungarees means that nappy changes are still easy – simply undo the buttons at each shoulder and pull off. They're easy to put back on again, too!



Shape neck

Next row K17 (17: 18), turn, slip rem 31 (33: 36) sts onto a stitch holder.

Next row P2tog (neck edge), purl to end. 16 (16: 17) sts.

Work 6 (6: 7) rows, dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 10 sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 9 (10: 11)cm, 3½ (4: 4¼)in, ending with a RS row.

Change to 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

With RS facing, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, rejoin yarn to 31 (33: 36) sts left on a stitch holder, cast off 14 (16: 18) sts, knit to end. 17 (17: 18) sts

Next row Purl to last 2 sts, p2tog (neck edge). 16 (16: 17) sts.

Work 6 (6: 7) rows, dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 10 sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 9 (10: 11)cm, 3½ (4: 4¼)in, ending with a RS row.

Change to 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Back

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles, knit across 78 (90: 96) sts left on a stitch holder.

Next row P15 (17: 18), (p3tog) 3 (4: 4) times, p30 (32: 36), (p3tog) 3 (4: 4) times, p15 (17: 18). 66 (74: 80) sts
Work 6 rows in g-st.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Work 6 rows in st-st.

Shape armholes

Cast off 4 (5: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 58 (64: 68) sts

Next row K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. 56 (62: 66) sts.

Work 1 (3: 3) rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 54 (56: 60) sts

Work 5 rows, dec 1 st at each end of

next and every foll alt row.

48 (50: 54) sts.

Cont without shaping until armholes measure 10 (11: 12)cm, 4 (4¼: 4¾)in, ending with a WS row.

Divide for shoulder straps

Next row K10, slip these 10 sts onto a stitch holder for right strap, cast off 28 (30: 34) sts, k9. 10 sts.

Working on these 10 sts only, proceed as follows:

Left strap

Next row Purl.

Work 6 rows more in st-st.

Next row (buttonhole row) K2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, k2tog, yfwd, k2.

Work 2 rows more in st-st.

Change to 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Right strap

With WS facing, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles,

Stripey dungarees

US 3) needles, rejoin yarn to 10 sts left on a stitch holder.

Starting with a purl row, work 7 rows in st-st.

Next row (buttonhole row) K2, yfwd, k2tog, k2, k2tog, yfwd, k2.
Work 2 rows more in st-st.

Change to 2.75mm (UK 10, US 3) needles and work 4 rows in g-st.
Cast off knitways.

Left back and front armhole edging

Join underarm seams.

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and starting at top of strap on left side of back, pick up and knit 37 (39: 42) sts evenly all round back armhole edge and 28 (31: 34) sts evenly all round front armhole edge.

65 (70: 76) sts.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Right front and back armhole edging

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles and starting at top of armhole on right front, pick up and knit 28 (31: 34) sts evenly all round front armhole edge and 37 (39: 42) sts evenly all round back armhole edge.

65 (70: 76) sts.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Front neck edging

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles, pick up and knit 17 sts evenly down left side of neck, 12 (14: 16) sts evenly from 14 (16: 18) cast-off sts at front of neck and 17 sts evenly up right side of neck. 46 (48: 50) sts

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Back neck edging

With RS facing, using 2.75mm (UK 12, US 2) needles, pick up and knit 9 sts evenly along edge of right strap, 26 (28: 32) sts evenly from 28 (30: 34) cast-off sts at back neck and 9 sts evenly along edge of left strap. 44 (46: 50) sts.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.



Soft blues are a lovely colour choice for both boys and girls

To make up

Pin out pieces to the measurements given, cover with damp cloths and leave until dry. Join front and back crotch seams. Join inside leg seams. Join side seams below armholes. Sew on buttons. See ball band for washing and further care instructions. 🧵

More ideas

Why not try a different colourway? Sirdar Baby Crofter 4-ply comes in 16 variegated shades. Visit www.sirdar.co.uk to see them all, and find patterns for baby knits, too.

We love...

This issue we're loving cute, huggable creatures and furry friends for your little monkeys



Paws for thought

These colourful pawprint buttons are a purr-fect finishing touch to your handknits.

£3.99 for 10 from www.myfabrichouse.co.uk



Animal magic

The animal trend is one of our favourites, and someone who shares our love of cuddly creature knits is Cassie May of Little Red Window. Your little one will love wearing her Pretty Kitty cat hat (and Jolly Giraffe, complete with dinky ears, antlers and spots). These patterns are available for free in size 12 months on Cassie's site, or you can buy them for £4.69 with additional sizes from her Etsy

store. There's a whole herd of other creatures to choose from, too, including a zebra, flamingo, monkey and hippo.

Visit www.littleredwindow.com or www.etsy.com/shop/littleredwindow



Lovely llama

Brand new from Gift Horse Kits, the No Drama Llama kit is aptly named because it won't get you in a tangle, even if you're a beginner! Only knit stitch is used, and everything you need is in the kit. The Blue Mountains in the background are inspired by the Brecon Beacons, which designer Addy can see from

her home. This kit makes two mini cushions with white peaks and gold thread details.

No Drama Llama Kit, £12.50; Blue Mountains Kit, £16 from www.gifthorsekits.co.uk



3 shades for animal knits

Best yarns for cuddly creature comforts



RIBBIT, RIBBIT

Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino in Apple (shade 002), £4.99 for a 50g (125m) ball.

Buy from www.loveknitting.com

CHICKADEE

Willow and Lark Nest in Sunbeam (shade 209), £3.74 for a 50g (115m) ball.

Buy from www.loveknitting.com

LITTLE BEAR

King Cole Cuddles Chunky in Toffee (shade 3140), £3.29 for a 50g (125m) ball

Find a stockist at www.kingcole.com

Q&A

with designer
Addy Whitfield
of Gift Horse Knits



What is your inspiration for your lovely toy knitting kits?

The beautiful place I live – the Brecon Beacons.

What's your favourite GHK design?

Definitely the Plump Flumps (above). They're my bestselling kit and I get lovely feedback from customers who have learned to knit by making them.

Where's your favourite place to knit?

On my very comfy sofa, with plenty of cushions, coffee and notebooks!

What's your favourite yarn?

Sirdar Click Chunky (it's discontinued but I have lots of it stowed away!)



Knit for
newborn
to 12
months

Bundle of joy

Jen Bartlett's gorgeous mock cable hat and mitts set will make a sweet gift for a new arrival



This mock cable pattern is easy to work and doesn't require a cable needle!



Using mattress and kitchener stitch to join the mitts gives them a smart finish

Hat and mitts

You will need

- King Cole Luxury Merino DK, 50g in Carnation (shade 2623) x 1 ball (for all sizes)
- 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) knitting needles

Measurements

■ Hat

To fit age 0-3 (3-6: 6-12) months

Actual head circ 32 (38: 45)cm,
12½ (15: 17¾)in

■ Mitts

Actual hand circ 12 (14.5: 16)cm,
4¾ (5¾: 6¼)in

Tension

- 23 sts and 32 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

About this yarn

King Cole Luxury Merino DK

100% Merino

140m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£3.99, to order call 0800 505 3300

or visit www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

What a cutie! This adorable little hat and mitts set has gone straight to the top of our must-make list for mums-and dads-to-be. The yarn, Luxury Merino DK, by King Cole is a beautifully soft 100% merino wool which comes in 22 classic shades. If you're new to knitting don't worry if you haven't tried cables before – these are convincing fakes and you don't need a cable needle to work them. Pick your own shade for this gorgeous gift set and get started today!

Hat and mitts set

Mock cable rib

Row 1 (WS) K2, *p3, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 2 (RS) P2, *k3, p2; rep from * to end.

Row 3 K2, *p3, k2; rep from * to end.

Row 4 P2, *skip 2 sts and insert needle as if to knit into the front of the third stitch. Then taking the point of the needle over the front of the 2 skipped sts and around to the right, catch the yarn and knit. Then slip the third stitch over the 2 skipped sts and off the needle. Do not slip the 2 skipped sts off the needle; k2, p2; rep from * to end.

Hat

Cast on 72 (87: 102) sts using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles.

Work rows 1-4 of Mock Cable Rib patt twice, then rows 1 & 2 once more.

Next row (WS) Purl, inc 0 (1: 2) sts evenly across. 72 (88: 104) sts.

Beg with a k row work in st-st until piece measures 10 (11: 13)cm, 4 (4½: 5¼)in from cast on.

Decrease for crown

Row 1 *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end. 63 (77: 91) sts.

Row 2 and every WS row purl.

Row 3 *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end. 54 (66: 78) sts.

Row 5 *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end. 45 (55: 65) sts.

Row 7 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end. 36 (44: 52) sts.

Row 9 *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end.

27 (33: 39) sts.

Row 11 *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end. 18 (22: 26) sts.

Row 13 *K2tog; rep from * to end. 9 (11: 13) sts.

Break yarn, leaving a 30cm (12in) tail and using a tapestry needle thread yarn through sts and fasten off. Join back seam using mattress st.

Mitts

Cast on 27 (33: 37) sts using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles.

Work rows 1-4 of Mock Cable Rib patt once, then rows 1 & 2 once more.

Next row (k1, p1) to last st, k1.

Next row (p1, k1) to last st, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows once more.

Beg with a p row work in st-st for 7 (8: 9)cm, 2¾ (3: 3½)in ending with right side facing.

Row 1 K3togtbl, K7 (10: 12), k3tog, k1, k3togtbl, k7 (10: 12), k3tog. 19 (25: 29) sts.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K3togtbl, K3 (6: 8), k3tog, k1, k3togtbl, k3 (6: 8), k3tog. 11 (17: 21) sts.

Row 4 P5 (8: 10), p2tog, p4 (7: 9). 10 (16: 20) sts.

Join top using Kitchener stitch.

Join sides using mattress stitch. 

Knit a
soft and
squishy
friend!

Cuddle time!

They'll have a whale of a time playing with **Louise Walker's** brilliantly big and snugly underwater creature!

When it comes to toys, cuddliness is of the utmost importance, and this blue whale is about as huggable as you can get. With his squashy stocking stitch body, he's a big old softie! It gets better

though – turn him over and you'll find that this marvellous mammal's garter stitch tummy is seriously strokeable too. If you're knitting this for a child under three years old, for safety, embroider the eyes on rather than using plastic eyes.

About these yarns

Hayfield Chunky with Wool

80% acrylic, 20% wool

145m per 100g

Machine wash at 40°C

£2.99, for stockists call

01924 231 682 or visit

www.sirdar.co.uk

Sirdar Snuggly

Snowflake Chunky

100% polyester


62m per 25g

Machine wash at 40°C

£2.39, for stockists call 01924

231 682 or visit www.sirdar.co.uk





They'll love his
gorgeously soft
tummy knitted in
fleece yarn

There's lots of texture for
little fingers to explore
on our cuddly whale

Whale toy



Whale toy

You will need

- Hayfield Chunky with Wool, 100g in Crisp Blue (shade 116) x 3 balls – Yarn A
- Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky, 25g in:
 - Beige (shade 642) x 2 balls – Yarn B
 - Whispy (shade 724) x 2 balls – Yarn C
- Scrap yarn (in two colours, called X and Y in pattern)
- 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) and 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10.5) knitting needles
- 2 x 24mm toy safety eyes
- 800g of toy stuffing

Measurements

- Finished size: 86cm (34in) nose to tail

Tension

- For both yarns: 14 sts and 19 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10.5) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Top Tip

Stuff your whale sparingly to make him as squeezable as can be!

Whale

Top piece (make one)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10.5) needles, cast on 6 stitches in Yarn A. This will form the first row of knitting.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) P all even rows unless otherwise stated.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. 12 sts.

Row 5 (K1, kfb) to end. 18 sts.

Row 7 (K2, kfb) to end. 24 sts.

Row 9 (K3, kfb) to end. 30 sts.

Row 11 (K4, kfb) to end. 36 sts.

Row 13 (K5, kfb) to end. 42 sts.

Rows 15-46 Work in st-st.

Row 47 Kfb, k39, kfb, k1. 44 sts.

Row 49 K1, kfb, k39 adding scrap yarn marker (colour X) on the 2nd and 2nd from last stitch, kfb, k2. 46 sts.

Row 51 K2, kfb, k39, kfb, k3. 48 sts.

Row 53 K3, kfb, k39, kfb, k4. 50 sts.

Row 55 K4, kfb, k39, kfb, k5. 52 sts.

Row 57 K5, kfb, k39, kfb, k6. 54 sts.

Row 59 K6, kfb, k39, kfb, k7. 56 sts.

Row 61 K7, kfb, k39, kfb, k8. 58 sts.

Row 63 K8, kfb, k39, kfb, k9. 60 sts.

Row 65 Knit.

Row 67 K9, kfb, k39, kfb, k10. 62 sts.

Row 69 Knit.

Row 71 K10, kfb, k39, kfb, k11. 64 sts.

Row 73 Knit, adding scrap yarn marker (colour Y) on the 3rd and 3rd from last stitches.

Row 75 Knit.

Row 77 K11, kfb, k39, kfb, k12. 66 sts.

Row 79 Knit.

Row 81 Knit.

Row 83 K12, kfb, k39, kfb, k13. 68 sts.

Row 85 Knit, adding scrap yarn markers (colour Y) on the 4th and 4th from last stitches.

Row 87 Knit.

Row 89 K13, kfb, k39, kfb, k14. 70 sts.

Row 91 Knit.

Row 93 Knit.

Row 95 K14, kfb, k39, kfb, k15. 72 sts.

Row 97 *K10, k2tog* all stitches. 66 sts.

Row 99 Knit.

Row 101 *K9, k2tog* all stitches. 60 sts.

Row 103 Knit.

Row 105 *K8, k2tog* all stitches. 54 sts.

Row 107 Knit.

Row 109 *K7, k2tog* all stitches. 48 sts.

Row 111 Knit.

Row 113 (K6, k2tog) to end. 42 sts.

Row 115 Knit.

Row 117 Knit.

Row 119 (K5, k2tog) to end. 36 sts.

Row 121 Knit.

Row 123 Knit.

Row 125 (K4, k2tog) to end. 30 sts.

Row 127 Knit.

Row 129 Knit.

Row 131 (K3, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Rows 133-152 Work in st-st.

Row 153 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 26 sts.

Row 155 Knit.

Row 157 Knit.

Row 159 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 28 sts.

Rows 161-166 Work in st-st.

Row 167 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 30 sts.

Row 169 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 32 sts.

Row 171 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 34 sts.

Row 173 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 36 sts.

Row 175 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 38 sts.

Row 177 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 40 sts.

Tail

Row 178 P20 and turn the piece, placing the remaining 20 stitches on a stitch holder to be worked later.

Row 179 Skp, k to the last two stitches kfb, k1. 20 sts.

Row 181 Skp, k to the last two stitches kfb, k1. 20 sts.

Row 183 Skp, k to the last two stitches kfb, K1. 20 sts.

Row 185 Cast off 2 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 19 sts.

Row 187 Cast off 2 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 18 sts.

Row 189 Cast off 3 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 16 sts.

Row 191 Cast off 4 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 13 sts.

Row 193 Cast off 5 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

Row 195 Cast off. Weave in loose ends.

It's in the detail

The way in which you stuff your whale will make a huge difference to the finished toy. Lightly stuffing the fins will make them nice and floppy, while using plenty of stuffing in the body and head and less in the tail will help you get a more realistic shape – use the photos as a guide.



Place the 20 stitches on the stitch holder back on the needle ready to be worked from row 178 (a purl row).

Row 178 Re-attach the yarn and purl.

Row 179 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 181 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 183 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 185 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 21 sts.

Row 186 Cast off 2 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. 19 sts.

Row 187 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 20 sts.

Row 188 Cast off 2 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. 18 sts.

Row 189 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 19 sts.

Row 190 Cast off 3 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. 16 sts.

Row 191 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 17 sts.

Row 192 Cast off 4 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. 13 sts.

Row 193 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 14 sts.

Row 194 Cast off 4 stitches purlwise, p to the end of the row. 9 sts.

Row 195 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

Underbelly (make one)

Using long tail cast-on method and 5.5mm (UK 5, US 9) needles, cast on 6 stitches in Yarn B.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Knit.

Row 3 (Kfb) to end. 12 sts.

Row 4 Knit.

Row 5 (K1, kfb) to end. 18 sts.

Row 6 Knit.

Row 7 (K2, kfb) to end. 24 sts.

Row 8 Knit.

Row 9 (K3, kfb) to end. 30 sts.

Row 10 Knit.

Row 11 (K4, kfb) all stitches. 36 sts.

Row 12 Knit.

Row 13 Change to Yarn C and (k5, kfb) to end. 42 sts.

Row 14 Knit.

Row 15 (K6, kfb) to end. 48 sts.

Row 16 Knit.

Row 17 (K7, kfb) to end. 54 sts.

Row 18 Knit.

Row 19 (K8, kfb) to end. 60 sts.

Rows 20-24 Knit.

Rows 25-36 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Rows 37-40 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 41 (K18, k2tog) to end. 57 sts.

Row 42 Knit.

Row 43 (K17, k2tog) to end. 54 sts.

Row 44 Knit.

Row 45 (K16, k2tog) to end. 51 sts.

Row 46 Knit.

Row 47 (K15, k2tog) all stitches. 48 sts.

Row 48 Knit.

Row 49 Change to Yarn B and (k14, k2tog) to end. 45 sts.

Row 50 Knit.

Row 51 Skp, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 43 sts.

Row 52 Knit.

Rows 53-60 Repeat the last 2 rows 4 more times. 35 sts.

Row 61 Change to Yarn C and knit to the last two stitches, k2tog. 34 sts.

Row 62 Knit.

Row 63 Skp, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 32 sts.

Row 64 Knit.

Rows 65-72 Knit.

Rows 73-84 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Rows 85-96 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 97-104 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 105 Skp, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 30 sts.

Rows 106-108 Knit.

Rows 109-120 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Rows 121-124 Knit.

Row 125 Change to yarn B, (k8, k2tog) to end. 27 sts.

Rows 126-130 Knit.

Row 131 (K7, k2tog) to end. 24 sts.

Row 132 Knit.

Rows 133-142 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Rows 143-152 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 153 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 26 sts.

Row 154 Knit.

Row 155 Knit.

Row 156 Knit.

Row 157 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 158 Knit.

Row 159 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 28 sts.

Rows 160-166 Knit.

Row 167 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 30 sts.

Row 168 Knit.

Row 169 Change to Yarn B and kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 32 sts.

Row 170 Knit.

Row 171 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, Kfb, k1. 34 sts.

Row 172 Knit.

Row 173 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 36 sts.

Row 174 Knit.

Row 175 Kfb, knit to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 38 sts.

Row 176 Knit.

Row 177 kfb, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 40 sts.

The tail

Row 178 K20 and turn the piece, placing the remaining 20 stitches on a stitch holder to be worked later.

Row 179 Skp, k to the last two stitches kfb, k1. 20 sts.

Row 180 Knit.

Row 181 Change to Yarn C and skp,

k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 20 sts.

Row 182 Knit.

Row 183 Skp, k to the last two stitches kfb, k1. 20 sts.

Row 184 Knit.

Row 185 Cast off 2, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 19 sts.

Row 186 Knit.

Row 187 Cast off 2, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 18 sts.

Row 188 Knit.

Row 189 Cast off 3 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 16 sts.

Row 190 Knit.

Row 191 Cast off 4 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 13 sts.

Row 192 Knit.

Row 193 Cast off 5 sts, k to the last two stitches, kfb, k1. 9 sts.

Row 194 Knit.

Row 195 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

Place the 20 stitches on the stitch holder back on the needle ready to be worked from row 178 (a knit row).

Row 178 Reattach the yarn and knit.

Row 179 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 180 Knit.

Row 181 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 182 Knit.

Row 183 Kfb, k to the last two stitches, k2tog. 20 sts.

Row 184 Knit.

Row 185 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 21 sts.

Row 186 Cast off 2 sts, k to the end of the row. 19 sts.

Row 187 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 20 sts.

Row 188 Cast off 2 sts, k to the end of the row. 18 sts.

Row 189 Kfb, k to the end of the row. 19 sts.

Row 190 Cast off 3 sts, k to the end of the row. 16 sts.

Row 191 Kfb, k to end of the row. 17 sts.

Row 192 Cast off 4 sts, k to the end of the row. 13 sts.

Row 193 Kfb, k to end of the row. 14 sts.

Row 194 Cast off 5 sts, k to the end of the row. 9 sts.

Row 195 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

Flippers/top piece (make two)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 6.5mm needles, cast on 12 stitches in A.

Row 1 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 (WS) Purl.

Rows 3-22 Work in st-st.

Row 23 (K3, kfb) to end. 15 sts.

Row 24 Purl.

Rows 25-28 Work in st-st.

Row 29 (K4, kfb) to end. 18 sts.

Row 30 Purl.

Rows 31-34 Work in st-st.

Row 35 (K5, kfb) to end. 21 sts

Row 36 Purl.

Rows 37-46 Work in st-st.

Row 47 (K5, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.

Row 48 Purl.

Row 49 (K4, k2tog) to end. 15 sts.

Row 50 Purl.

Row 51 (K3, k2tog) to end. 12 sts.

Row 52 Purl.

Row 53 (K2, k2tog) to end. 9 sts.

Row 54 Purl.

Row 55 (K1, k2tog) to end. 6 sts.

Row 56 Purl.

Row 57 (K2tog) to end. 3 sts.

Row 58 Purl.

Row 59 Cast off.

Weave in loose ends.

Flippers/bottom piece (make two)

Using the long tail cast-on method and 5.5mm knitting needles, cast on 12 stitches in C.

Row 1 Knit.

Rows 2-6 Knit.

Rows 7-12 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Rows 13-18 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Rows 19-22 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 23 (K3, kfb) to end. 15 sts.

Row 24 Knit.

Rows 25-28 Change to Yarn C and knit.

Row 29 (K4, kfb) to end. 18 sts.

Row 30 Knit.

Rows 31-34 Change to Yarn B and knit.

Row 35 (K5, kfb) to end. 21 sts.

Row 36 Knit.

Simple steps How to increase 1 st by knitting into front and back (KFB)



Step 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.



Step 2

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



Step 3

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



Step 4

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

Rows 37-42 Change to Yarn C and knit.
Rows 43-46 Change to Yarn B and knit.
Row 47 (K5, k2tog) to end. 18 sts.
Row 48 Knit.
Row 49 Change to Yarn C and (k4, k2tog) to end. 15 sts.
Row 50 Knit.
Row 51 (K3, k2tog) to end. 12 sts.
Row 52 Knit.
Row 53 (K2, k2tog) to end. 9 sts.
Row 54 Knit.
Row 55 Change to Yarn B and (k1, k2tog) to end. 6 sts.
Row 56 Knit.
Row 57 (K2tog) to end. 3 sts.
Row 58 Knit.
Row 59 Cast off.
 Weave in loose ends.

To make up

Place each 24mm eye on the colour X scrap yarn markers. Remove the markers and secure the eyes to the knitting using a safety washer.

Place the top and bottom piece of the whale together, with the wrong sides facing inwards and so that the cast-on edges and cast-off edges match up. Pin and sew these pieces together from the cast-on edge to cast-off edge, then back up to cast-on edge using a mattress stitch in Yarn A. Leave a hole for stuffing.

Take a top flipper and bottom flipper piece and place them together with the wrong sides facing in. Pin and sew up from the cast-on edge to the cast-off edge, then back up to the cast-on edge using a mattress stitch in Yarn A.

Leave the cast-on edge open and then very lightly stuff the fins so they're nice and floppy.

Stuff the whale, being aware of the shaping – add more stuffing in the body and head, but less in the tail. Use the photograph as a guide to get the right shape.

Sew up the hole used for stuffing with a mattress stitch in Yarn A.

Place each flipper on either side of body, between colour Y yarn markers. Pin and sew into place with A.

Remove markers. 🐳



He may be enormous, but our whale knits up quickly in chunky yarn!

Ask the experts

We invite a top team of knitting experts to answer your problems. Send your questions to us at love.knitting@immediate.co.uk

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Joanna Benner

has helped many people learn to knit, and is ready to share her know-how



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Angela Turner

has designed many of the baby patterns and toys featured in *Love Knitting*



Sarah Winsper

works for our sister magazines *Simply Knitting* and *The Knitter*

CUDDLY TOY

Q My little boy has asked me to knit him a teddy, and he wants it to be "really cuddly! What yarn do you think I should use?

Susan White, Kent

A **Angela says:** It sounds like a snuggly fur yarn would be perfect for your son's teddy, Susan. King Cole Luxe Fur is one of our favourites. It's beautifully fluffy and comes in earthy animal-themed shades including Polar, Silver Fox and Badger. You can find it in all good yarn shops, priced around £4.99 for a 100g ball. Keep an eye out for Luxe Fur leaflet 9019 too, which contains the patterns for an adorable teddy bear family!



Kids will love the furry feel of this yarn



Make the perfect doll for your little one

MINI ME

Q Can you recommend a pattern for a knitted doll? I'm looking for something to make my daughter, and I want to personalise it if possible.

Hazel Jones, Bournemouth

A **Joanna says:** Why not try designer Fiona Goble's latest book, *Knit Your Own Dolls*? It's packed with quirky, fun doll patterns, including a scientist, a gymnast and a surfer. Their outfits and hairstyles can be swapped, and there are little extras such as pets to make too, so you can knit something truly unique for your daughter. It's out now from CICO Books, priced at £12.99.



This cute kit is ideal for beginners



NEW ARRIVAL

Q I'm expecting my first baby in the autumn and would love to knit her something special – but I don't know how! Can you recommend a knitting kit that's suitable for a beginner?

Claire Brown, Merseyside

A **Sarah says:** Congratulations, Claire, and how great that you're going to learn to knit! We think

mitten and booties make lovely first baby projects, so we'd recommend Stitch & Story's sweet Sophie La Girafe: Mini Mitts & Booties Knitting Kit Set (£23.99 from www.stitchandstory.com). It's available in a variety of colours and includes yarn, needles, a pattern and easy-to-follow guides to all the techniques you'll need.

ON THE GO

Q I want to take my knitting with me on holiday, as I have some gifts to finish before my friend's baby arrives, but I don't have space

The Clover Knit Mate set includes all your essentials



to pack all of my tools and accessories. Help!
Jenny Fisher, London

A Lucy says: It's never easy to travel light, especially if you have to choose just one project to take with you! We think the Clover Knit Mate knitting accessory set is ideal for holidaymakers. It includes a tape measure, point protectors, stitch holders, tapestry needle and more, all in a handy carry case. It's £17.69 from Deramores, visit www.deramores.com or call 0845 519 4573.

SUMMER COLOUR

Q I'm looking for a quick project to make for a summer baby, but I'm having trouble finding something in a brightly coloured, modern yarn. Do you have any ideas?
Eloise Walker, Gloucester

A Joanna says: We have just the thing, Eloise! Sirdar's new self-striping yarn, Snuggly Pattercake DK, comes in seven bold colourways.



Try Sirdar's brand new yarn for your summer knits

We love the sweet shop shades in Candy Cane and pretty pastels of Sweet Dreams – they'd be perfect for fun summer knits! There are six accompanying pattern leaflets to choose from, including a lovely bolero, sun hat and shoes set, or if you want to cast on straight away there's also a blanket pattern on the ball band.



Download this sweet pattern to knit for charity

CHARITY KNITS

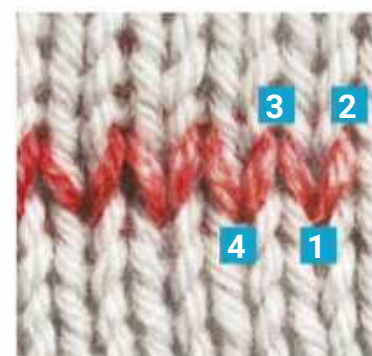
Q I have a bit of spare time now my two little ones have started nursery, and I'd love to do some crafting for charity, but I'm not sure where to start. Can you help?
Janey Wright, Fife

A Lucy says: How thoughtful, Janey! There are lots of charities that would really appreciate your help, including Knit For Peace, Knit-a-square and many more. You can find plenty of inspiration at www.ukhandknitting.com.

Seeing double

LOOSE ENDS

Q I like to make stripey baby blankets but they have lots of ends to weave in. What's the best way to do it? Mine always seem to unravel.
Sarah Smith, Gwent



A Sarah says: The most common way is to weave in your ends 'on the vertical', going under and over the horizontal strands in the knitting, then coming back in the opposite direction. If this isn't working, try duplicate stitch, which I always find a very secure method and great for horizontal stripes. The diagram shows a contrasting

colour, but you'll be using your yarn end so the stitches will be invisible. Work across the knitting like this: Bring the needle up at the base of the stitch at **1**, then take it behind the top of the V, going in at **2** and back out at **3**. Take it down again at **1** and bring it back up at **4** to start the next stitch. Carry on until you've worked a few cm, then cut off the remaining yarn close to the knitting.

at www.ukhandknitting.com. You might also like to knit for Bliss, which supports premature and sick babies and their families. It's a cause close to our hearts, and to help raise money for the charity there are four downloadable craft patterns for sale at www.buysubscriptions.com/Craft4Bliss, including this gorgeous baby jacket (left).

GET STUFFED!

Q I love to make stuffed toys for my grandchildren, but unfortunately they always end up a bit lumpy and never look quite like the picture. Where am I going wrong?
Maureen Green, Derby

A Angela says: There are a few simple tips you can follow to get better results when stuffing toys. Make sure you shred the stuffing into

small pieces before you start – getting rid of any big clumps will help to give your toy a smoother finish. Always stuff the toy a little at a time, using tweezers or a knitting needle to carefully push the stuffing into any tight corners. Make sure you use an even amount of stuffing throughout, unless otherwise stated in the pattern, and don't be afraid to start again if you're not happy!



Practise your stuffing on our farm pals (p43)

Little pea pod

This sweet beanie hat by **Monica Russel** knits up quickly in variegated yarn and will keep little heads cosy this season

Quick
and easy
little hat to
make!





Beanie

You will need

- West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep 4-ply, 50g in Spellbound (shade 868) x 1 ball
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) knitting needles
- Two 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) double pointed needles (DPNs)

Measurements

- To fit 0-3 (3-9: 9-18: 18-24) months
- Head circumference 34 (36: 37.5: 39)cm, 13½ (14: 14¾: 15¼)in

Tension

- 28 sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

About this yarn

West Yorkshire Spinners Bo Peep 4-ply

52% wool, 48% nylon

200m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£3.95, for stockists call 01535 664 500 or visit www.wyspinners.com

Ever so easy to make, this cute little hat with its stand-up stalk is perfect for beginners. It's worked in stocking stitch throughout, and shaped by k2tog decreases at the crown (great for practicing shaping skills). The edge of the fabric naturally curls up and provides a soft, stretchy border to wrap around baby's head. Made from a lightweight 4-ply yarn that comes in four pastel variegated yarns, this hat is ideal for the cooler days that begin to creep in at the end of summer.

Beanie

Using 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles, cast on 88 (96: 104: 112) sts.

Beg with a knit row, work 8 rows st-st.

Change to 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles.

Cont in st-st until work measures 12 (13: 14: 15)cm, 4¾ (5¼: 5½: 6)in, from cast-on edge.

Shape crown

Row 1 K9 (10: 11: 12), k2tog eight times. 80 (88: 96: 104) sts.

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 Purl.

Row 3 K8 (9: 10: 11), k2tog eight times. 72 (80: 88: 96) sts.

Row 5 K7 (8: 9: 10), k2tog eight times. 64 (72: 80: 88) sts.

Row 7 K6 (7: 8: 9), k2tog eight times. 56 (64: 72: 80) sts.

Row 9 K5 (6: 7: 8), k2tog eight times. 48 (56: 64: 72) sts.

Row 10 P2tog, p4 (5: 6: 7) eight times. 40 (48: 56: 64) sts.

Row 11 K3 (4: 5: 6), k2tog eight times. 32 (40: 48: 56) sts.

Row 12 P2tog, p2 (3: 4: 5) eight times. 24 (32: 40: 48) sts.

Row 13 K1 (2: 3: 4), k2tog eight times. 16 (24: 32: 40) sts.

Row 14 P2tog, p0 (1: 2: 3) eight times. 8 (16: 24: 32) sts.

3-9, 9-18 and 18-24 months only

Next row K2tog, k0 (1: 2) eight times. 8 (16: 24) sts.



K2tog decreases create a swirl effect on the top of the hat



The brim rolls up naturally for a soft finish

9-18 and 18-24 months only

Next row P2tog, p0 (1) eight times. 8 (16) sts.

18-24 months only

Next row K2tog, eight times. 8 sts.

3-9 and 18-24 months only

Purl one row.

All sizes

Using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) DPNs, make an i-cord 1.5cm (½in) long. Secure i-cord to top of hat and sew up side seam to finish. 🍵

An outfit
to look
stylish in
every day!

Heather mist

Dress baby in this elegant set from **Rico** and be ready for any occasion. With eyelet and lace detail there's plenty to keep you busy

So very pretty in a soft shade of purple, this cardigan features an embossed effect, created by eyelets which are worked in a lattice design on the skirt and sleeves. On the back, and on the matching hat, is a delicate

strip of lace. Both patterns contrast beautifully with the stocking stitch and garter stitch borders elsewhere in the design. This soft, acrylic-blend yarn from Rico is perfect for everyday wear as well as special occasions.

About this yarn

Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK

50% cotton, 50% acrylic

125m per 50g

Machine wash at 30°C

£2.79, for stockists visit

www.rico-design.co.uk

Top Tip

Carefully block
the garment before
wearing to get the
neatest result



The eyelet pattern adds
a lovely contrast to
stocking stitch on the
cardigan fronts

*This is a fabulous project
for practising knitting
with cable needles*

Cardigan & hat



Cardie set

You will need

- Rico Baby Cotton Soft DK, 50g in Purple (shade 55)
x 3 (4: 4) balls for the cardigan
x 1 (1: 1) ball for the hat
- 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles
- 3.75mm (UK 9, US F/5) crochet hook
- 2 cable needles
- 3 buttons

Measurements

- See sizing guide

Tension

- 22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		3-6 mths	9-12 mths	18-24 mths
To fit chest	cm	47-49	51-53	55-56
	in	18½-19¼	20-21	21¾-22
Actual measurements	cm	54	58	62
	in	21¼	22¾	24½
Length to shoulder	cm	28	33	38
	in	11	13	15
Sleeve length	cm	17	20	24
	in	6½	8	9½
Hat (to fit head circumference)	cm	38-40	42-44	46-48
	in	15-15¾	16½-17	18-19

Cardigan

Back

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and thumb method, cast on 96 (100: 112) sts.

Row 1 Knit.

This row sets garter stitch (g-st).

Work 1 row more.

Next row K42 (44: 49), p1, k10 (10: 12), p1, k42 (44: 49).

Next row P42 (44: 49), k1, p10 (10: 12), k1, p42 (44: 49).

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 K3 (5: 2), (k2tog, yfwd, k2) 8 (8: 10) times, k1, sl1 pwise wyib, k5, p1, k10 (10: 12), p1, k5, sl1 pwise wyib, k2, (k2tog, yfwd, k2) 8 (8: 10) times, k2 (4: 1).

Row 2 and every alt row P42 (44: 49), k1, p10 (10: 12), k1, p42 (44: 49).

Row 3 K36 (38: 43), sl1 pwise wyib, k5, p1, k10 (10: 12), p1, k5, sl1 pwise wyib, k36 (38: 43).

Row 5 K3 (5: 2), (k2, k2tog, yfwd) 8 (8: 10) times, k1, sl1 pwise wyib, k5, p1, k10 (10: 12), p1, k5, sl1 pwise wyib, (k2tog, yfwd, k2) 8 (8: 10) times, k4 (6: 3).

Row 7 As Row 3.

Row 8 P42 (44: 49), k1, p10 (10: 12), k1, p42 (44: 49).

Rows 1-8 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout), proceed as follows:

Shape sides

Next row K2, sl1, k1, pssso, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 94 (98: 110) sts.

Next row Patt.

Last 2 rows set side shapings.

Work 17 (29: 37) rows, dec 1 st at each end as before in 5th (9th: 5th) and every foll 6th (10th: 8th) row. 88 (92: 100) sts. Cont without shaping until work measures 13 (17: 20)cm, 5¼ (6½: 8)in, ending with Row 2 or Row 6 of patt.

Next row (box pleat row) K1, (k8 (9: 9), k2tog) twice, k5 (5: 6), slip next 6 (6: 7) sts onto first cable needle and leave, slip next 6 (6: 7) sts onto second cable needle, twist second cable needle behind first cable needle so that the WS of second cable needle faces the WS of first cable needle, hold both cable needles in front of next 6 (6: 7) sts on left hand needle then, (knit together 1 st from first cable needle, 1 st from second cable needle, and 1 st from left hand needle) 6 (6: 7) times (all sts from both cable needles have now been worked), slip next 6 (6: 7) sts onto first cable needle and leave, slip next 6 (6: 7) sts onto second cable needle, twist second cable needle and place over first cable needle so that the RS of second cable needle faces the RS of first cable needle, hold both cable needles behind the next 6 (6: 7) sts on left hand needle then, (knit together 1 st from left hand needle, 1 st from second cable needle, and 1 st from first cable needle) 6 (6: 7) times (all sts from both cable needles have now been worked), k5 (5: 6), (k2tog, k8 (9: 9)) twice, k1. 60 (64: 68) sts.

Work 5 (5: 7) rows in g-st.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 K27 (29: 31), k2tog, yfwd, k2tog but

It's in the detail

The box pleat on the back is made using cable needles. Slip stitches onto each of two cable needles, then knit them together with stitches on the straight needle by inserting your working needle first through one, then the second, then the third, then finishing the knit stitch as usual.



A diamond lace pattern adorns the back of this heather-coloured cardie

do not slip sts from needle, knit first st of these 2 sts again, then slip both sts from needle together, yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k27 (29: 31).

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K26 (28: 30), k2tog, yfwd, k4, yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k26 (28: 30).

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K25 (27: 29), k2tog, yfwd, k1, k2tog, (yfwd) twice, sl1, k1, pssso, k1, yfwd, s1, k1, pssso, k25 (27: 29).

Row 6 P29 (31: 33), k1, p1 into double yfwd of previous row, p29 (31: 33).

Row 7 K27 (29: 31), yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog, yfwd, k27 (29: 31).

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K28 (30: 32), yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k2tog, yfwd, k28 (30: 32).

Row 10 Purl.

Rows 1-10 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set

(throughout), work 0 (0: 2) rows more.

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

54 (58: 62) sts.

Work 3 (3: 2) rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 48 (52: 58) sts.

18-24 mths only

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row. (54) sts.

All sizes

Cont without shaping until armholes measure 11 (12: 13)cm, 4¼ (4¾: 5¼)in,

ending with a WS row.

Cast off.

Left front

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and thumb method, cast on 35 (37: 42) sts.

Work 2 rows in g-st.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 K3 (5: 2), (k2tog, yfwd, k2) 8 (8: 10) times.

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 5 K3 (5: 2), (k2, k2tog, yfwd) 7 (7: 9) times, k4.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 Purl.

Rows 1-8 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout), proceed as follows:

Shape side

Next row K2, sl1, k1, pssso, patt to end.

34 (36: 41) sts.

Next row Patt.

Last 2 rows set side shaping.

Work 17 (29: 37) rows, dec 1 st at beg (side edge) as before in 5th (9th: 5th) and every foll 6th (10th: 8th) row.

31 (33: 36) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 13 (17: 20)cm, 5¼ (6½: 8)in, ending with Row 2 or Row 6 of patt.

Next row Knit to end, dec 2 (2: 3) sts evenly across row. 29 (31: 33) sts.

Top Tip

If you find it fiddly to hold the cable needles together, try securing them with a bit of masking tape

Cardigan & hat

Work 5 (5: 7) rows in g-st.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Last 2 rows set stocking stitch (st-st).

Working in st-st (throughout) cont until work measures same as back to armhole, ending with a WS row.

Shape armhole

Next row Cast off 3 sts, knit to end.

26 (28: 30) sts.

Next row Purl.

Work 3 (3: 2) rows dec 1 st at armhole edge in every row. 23 (25: 28) sts.

18-24 mths only

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at armhole edge in next and foll alt row. (26) sts.

All sizes

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 5cm, 2in, ending with a RS row.

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 4 (5: 6) sts, purl to end. 19 (20: 20) sts.

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 15 (16: 16) sts.

Work 5 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row.

12 (13: 13) sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 11 (12: 13)cm, 4¼ (4¾: 5¼)in, ending with a WS row.

Cast off.

Right front

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and thumb method, cast on 35 (37: 42) sts.

Work 2 rows in g-st.

Next row Knit.

Next row Purl.

Proceed as follows:

Row 1 K1, (k2tog, yfwd, k2) 8 (8: 10) times, k2 (4: 1).

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 Knit.

Row 5 K1, (k2, k2tog, yfwd) 7 (7: 9) times, k6 (8: 5).

Row 7 Knit.

Row 8 Purl.

Rows 1-8 sets patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set

(throughout), proceed as follows:

Shape side

Next row Patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

34 (36: 41) sts.

Next row Patt.

Last 2 rows set side shaping.

Work 17 (29: 37) rows, dec 1 st at end (side edge) as before in 5th (9th: 5th) and every foll 6th (10th: 8th) row.

31 (33: 36) sts.

Cont without shaping until work measures 13 (17: 20)cm, 5¼ (6½: 8)in, ending with Row 2 or Row 6 of patt.

Next row Knit to end, dec 2 (2: 3) sts evenly across row. 29 (31: 33) sts.

Work 5 (5: 7) rows in g-st.

Working in st-st (throughout), cont until work measures same as back to armhole, ending with a RS row.

Shape armhole

Next row Cast off 3 sts, purl to end.

26 (28: 30) sts.

Work 3 (3: 2) rows, dec 1 st at armhole edge in every row. 23 (25: 28) sts.

18-24 mths only

Work 4 rows, dec 1 st at armhole edge in next and foll alt row. (26) sts.

All sizes

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 5cm (2in), ending with a RS row.

Shape neck

Next row Cast off 4 (5: 6) sts, knit to end. 19 (20: 20) sts.

Next row Purl.

Work 4 rows, dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 15 (16: 16) sts.

Work 5 rows, dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row.

12 (13: 13) sts.

Cont without shaping until armhole measures 11 (12: 13)cm, 4¼ (4¾: 5¼)in, ending with a WS row.

Cast off.

Sleeves (both alike)

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and thumb method, cast on 33 (35: 35) sts.

Work 6 (6: 8) rows in g-st.

Row 1 Knit.

Row 2 and every alt row Purl.

Row 3 K1 (2: 2), *k2tog, yfwd, k2; rep from * to last 0 (1: 1) sts, k0 (1: 1).

Row 5 Knit.

Row 7 K1 (2: 2), *k2, k2tog, yfwd; rep from * to last 4 (5: 5) sts, k4 (5: 5).

Row 8 Purl.

Rows 1-8 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout), inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 6th (6th: 4th) row to 45 (49: 45) sts, working inc sts in patt.

18-24 mths only

Inc 1 st at each end of every foll Row 6 to (55) sts, working inc sts in patt.

All sizes

Cont without shaping until work measures 17 (20: 24)cm, 6½ (8: 9½)in, or length required, ending with a WS row.

Shape sleeve top

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

39 (43: 49) sts.

Work 6 rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 27 (31: 37) sts.

Work 4 (6: 10) rows, dec 1 st at each end of next and foll alt row. 23 (25: 27) sts.

Work 4 rows, dec 1 st at each end of every row. 15 (17: 19) sts.

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

7 (9: 11) sts.

Cast off rem 7 (9: 11) sts.

To make up

Join shoulder seams.

Neckband

With RS facing, using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles, pick up and knit 22 (24: 26) sts evenly along RS of neck, 24 (26: 30) sts from back of neck and 22 (24: 26) sts evenly along left side of neck.

68 (74: 82) sts.

Work 4 (4: 6) rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Right front border

With RS facing, using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles, pick up and knit 28 (38: 45) sts evenly along front edge to beg of g-st, 4 (4: 6) sts evenly along g-st edge, 17 sts evenly along front edge and 3 (3: 5) sts

evenly along neckband.

52 (62: 73) sts.

Work 1 (1: 2) rows in g-st.

Next row K32 (42: 51), yfwd, k2tog, (k6 (6: 7), yfwd, k2tog) twice, knit to end.

Work 2 (2: 3) rows more in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

Left front border

With RS facing, using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles, pick up and knit 3 (3: 5) sts evenly along neckband, 17 sts evenly along front edge to top of g-st, 4 (4: 6) sts evenly along g-st edge and 28 (38: 45) sts evenly along front edge.

52 (62: 73) sts.

Work 4 (4: 6) rows in g-st.

Cast off knitways.

To finish

Fold sleeves in half lengthways, then placing folds to shoulder seams, sew sleeves in position.

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew on buttons. Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US F/5) crochet hook, work 1 row of dc evenly all round lower edge of back and fronts. Block out garment to the measurement given, place under damp cloths and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and care instructions.

Hat

Using 3.75mm (UK 9, US 5) needles and thumb method, cast on 92 (102: 112) sts.

Row 1 Knit.

This row sets garter stitch (g-st).

Work 5 rows more in g-st.

Row 1 K43 (48: 53), k2tog, yfwd, k2tog but do not slip sts from needle, knit first st of these 2 sts again, then slip both sts from needle together, yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k43 (48: 53).

Row 2 Purl.

Row 3 K42 (47: 52), k2tog, yfwd, k4, yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k42 (47: 52).

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 K41 (46: 51), k2tog, yfwd, k1, k2tog, (yfwd) twice, sl1, k1, pssso, k1, yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k41 (46: 51).

Row 6 P45 (50: 55), k1, p1 into double yfwd of previous row, p45 (50: 55).

Row 7 K43 (48: 53), yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k2, k2tog, yfwd, k43 (48: 53).



Add this little hat to the ensemble for an extra-cute look!

Row 8 Purl.

Row 9 K44 (49: 54), yfwd, sl1, k1, pssso, k2tog, yfwd, k44 (49: 54).

Row 10 Purl.

Rows 1-10 set patt.

Keeping continuity of patt as set (throughout), cont until work measures 12 (13: 14)cm, 4¾ (5¼: 5½)in, ending with a WS row.

Shape crown

9-12 and 18-24 mths only

Next row K1, (k (7: 8), k2tog) 5 times, patt 10 sts, (k2tog, k (7: 8)) 5 times, k1. (92: 102) sts.

Work 3 rows more.

18-24 mths only

Next row K1, (k7, k2tog) 5 times, patt 10 sts, (k2tog, k7) 5 times, k1. (92) sts. Work 1 row more.

All sizes

Next row K1, (k6, k2tog) 5 times, patt 10 sts, (k2tog, k6) 5 times, k1. 82 sts. Work 3 (1: 1) rows more.

Next row K1, (k5, k2tog) 5 times, patt 10, (k2tog, k5) 5 times, k1. 72 sts.

Next and every alt row (WS) Purl.

Next row K1, (k4, k2tog) 5 times, patt 10 sts, (k2tog, k4) 5 times, k1. 62 sts.

Next row K1, (k3, k2tog) 5 times, patt 10 sts, (k2tog, k3) 5 times, k1. 52 sts.

Next row K1, (k2tog) 25 times, k1. 27 sts.

Next row (P2tog) 13 times, p1. 14 sts. Break off yarn, run yarn through rem 14 sts, draw up and fasten off.

To make up

Join back seam. Cover with a damp cloth and leave until dry. See ball band for pressing and care instructions. ♡

More ideas

Rico has lots of patterns to make from Baby Cotton Soft DK yarn, from blankets and booties to jumpers and hats. Find out more at www.rico-design.co.uk



Quick to
knit using
chunky
yarn!

What a hoot!

Cast on this cute
and cosy owl hat
from **Bernat** – a fun
way to keep baby
warm this autumn,
and so easy to knit!

Owl hat

You will need

- **Bernat Softee Baby Chunky, 140g in:**
Cozy Gray (shade 96005)
x 1 (1) ball – Yarn A
Fluffy Cloud White (shade 96001)
x 1 (1) ball – Yarn B
- **Aran weight yarn, 1.8m of each:**
Yellow and Black
- **6.5mm (UK 3, US 10½) knitting needles**

Measurements

- **To fit age 6-12 (18-24) months**

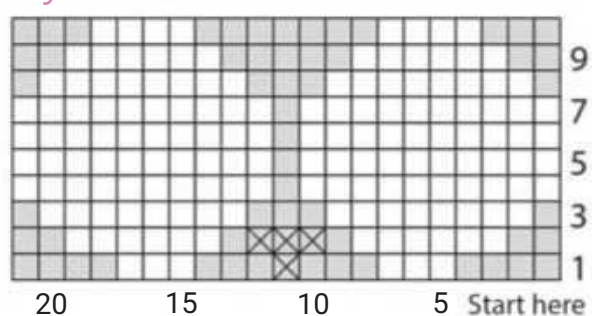
Tension

- **13 sts and 17 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st, using 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10½) needles**

Abbreviations

- **For standard abbreviations see page 87**

Eyes and beak chart



Key

- = Yarn B – White
- = Yarn A – Grey
- = With Yellow, duplicate st

About this yarn

Bernat Softee Baby Chunky

100% acrylic

142m per 140g

Machine wash at 30°C

£5.99, to order call 01162 713 759

or visit www.readicut.co.uk

We all know it's wise to wear a hat when the weather gets colder, so knit this soft and snuggly owl for your little ones this season! The chunky yarn is lovely to work with, and great for beginners. Why not give this pattern a go if you're new to reading charts and working duplicate stitch? It's a perfect introduction to these knitting techniques. Add tassels for the owl's ears for a finishing touch, then get ready for outdoor fun! It's a quick knit, so would make a great last minute gift idea, too.

Owl hat

Pattern note

When working from chart, wind small balls of colours to be used, one for each separate area of colour in the design. Start new colours at appropriate points. To change colours, twist the two colours around each other where they meet, on WS, to avoid a hole. Duplicate stitch areas will be worked once hat is complete.

Crown

Using 6.5mm (UK 3, US 10½) needles and Yarn A, cast on 27 (29) sts.

****Row 1 (RS)** *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2 *P1, k1; rep from * to last st, p1. Rep last 2 rows once more.**

Row 3 Knit.

Row 4 Purl.

Row 5 With Yarn A, k3 (4), knit 1st row of chart, reading row from right to left, with Yarn A, k3 (4).

Row 6 With Yarn A, p3 (4), purl 2nd row of chart, reading row from left to right, with Yarn A, p3 (4).

Chart is now in position. Cont working chart to end of chart.

Fasten off Yarn A.

Cont in st-st until work from beg measures approx 28 (30.5)cm, 11 (12)in, ending on a purl row.

Rep from ** to **.

Cast off in ribbing.

To make up

Work duplicate stitch with yellow yarn as indicated on chart. Embroider eyes



Tassels and embroidery stitches add character to this simple hat

with black yarn in chain st, using the image as a guide.

Fold hat in half and sew side seams.

Tassels (make 2)

Wind Yarn B around four fingers approx 40 times. Tie securely at one end. Cut across other end. Wrap strand of Yarn B around tassel, 1.25cm (½in) from tied end. Fasten securely. Sew to hat as shown in photo. 🧵

More ideas

There's lots of gorgeous baby yarn and patterns in the Bernat range. Visit your local yarn shop or order from Wool Warehouse (www.woolwarehouse.co.uk) or Readicut (www.readicut.co.uk)

Tiny tank

We love a traditional Fair Isle knit, and this tank top by **Fiona McTague** will make an extra-special gift for boys or girls

Who could resist this little number? There's no better way to keep up the Fair Isle tradition than to start young with a teeny tiny tank top! We do recommend you attempt this project once you've

completed a few garments – a little experience will help, as the shapings of the tank top are done in conjunction with the pattern. Perfect for slipping on whatever the weather, this gorgeous knit is sure to become a wardrobe staple.

Top Tip

Wrap lengths of yarn on bobbins so you don't get tangled up when knitting the Fair Isle pattern

About this yarn

**Patons Baby Smiles
Fairytale Soft DK**

55% polyamide, 45% acrylic
163m per 50g

Machine wash at 40°C

£2.99, to order visit www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk



A baby with light brown hair and blue eyes is sitting on a wooden floor, smiling. The baby is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt under a colorful Fair Isle tank top with horizontal bands of yellow, blue, and white. The baby is also wearing brown corduroy pants. The background is a soft-focus green wall.

A classic
Fair Isle
knit for your
little one

Have a go at Fair
Isle knitting with this
beautiful tank top

Tank top



Sizing guide

Sizes & measurements		0-6 mths	6-12 mths	1-2 years	2-3 years
To fit chest	cm	41	46	51	56
	in	16	18	20	22
Actual chest	cm	52	59	66.5	73.5
	in	20½	23¼	26¼	29
Length	cm	25	28	30	32
	in	9¾	11	11¾	12½

Tank top

You will need

- Patons Baby Smiles Fairytale Soft DK, 50g in:
 - White (shade 01001) x 1 (1: 1: 2) balls – Yarn A
 - Pale Green (shade 01073) x 1 (1: 1: 1) ball – Yarn B
 - Apricot (shade 01024) x 1 (1: 1: 2) balls – Yarn C
 - Vanilla (shade 01021) x 1 (1: 1: 2) balls – Yarn D
 - Sky Blue (shade 01053) x 1 (1: 1: 2) balls – Yarn E
- 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) and 4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
- Stitch holders
- Two buttons

Measurements

- See sizing guide

Tension

- 22 sts and 28 rows to 10cm (4in) in colourwork st-st, using 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

Tank top

Back

**Cast on 57 (65: 73: 81) sts using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) 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.

Work in rib until work meas 3cm (1in), ending with a WS row.

Change to 4mm (UK 8, US 6) needles. Reading all RS Chart rows from right to left, and WS rows from left to right, work in st-st from Fair Isle Chart as follows:

Row 1 (RS) Starting on st 4 (9: 5: 0), work 6 (1: 5: 0) sts to end of Chart row 1, repeat all 9 sts of row 1 of Chart 5 (7: 7: 9) times in total, end row by working first 6 (1: 5: 0) sts of Chart row 1 once more.

Row 2 Starting on st 6 (1: 5: 0), work 6 (1: 5: 0) sts back to start of Chart row 1, repeat all 9 sts of row 1 of Chart 5 (7: 7: 9) times in total, end row by working last 6 (1: 5: 0) sts of Chart row 1 back to end of row.

Last 2 rows set Fair Isle Chart pattern. Continue to work in pattern from Chart (repeating all 27 rows as required) until Back meas 14 (16: 18: 19)cm, 5½ (6¼: 7: 7½)in from beg, ending with a WS row.

Shape armholes

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows, keeping patt correct. 47 (55: 61: 69) sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on 0 (1: 2: 2) foll alt rows.

41 (47: 51: 59) sts.**

Cont straight until armhole meas 11 (12: 12: 13)cm, 4¼ (4¾: 4¾: 5)in, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders & back neck

Cast off 9 (11: 12: 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 23 (25: 27: 29) sts.

Leave rem 23 (25: 27: 29) sts on a holder.

Front

Work as Back from ** to **.

Cont straight until Front measures 16 (16: 18: 22) rows less than Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

Shape neck & shoulder

Next row (RS) Patt 15 (17: 18: 22) sts, turn and work this side first.

Keeping patt correct, dec 1 st at neck edge only on 4 (4: 5: 7) foll alt rows. 11 (13: 13: 15) sts.

Work a WS row. Left Front should be 6 rows shorter than Back to start of shoulder shaping.

Cast off rem 11 (13: 13: 15) sts.

With RS facing, slip centre 11 (13: 15: 15) sts onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem 15 (17: 18: 22) sts, patt to end.

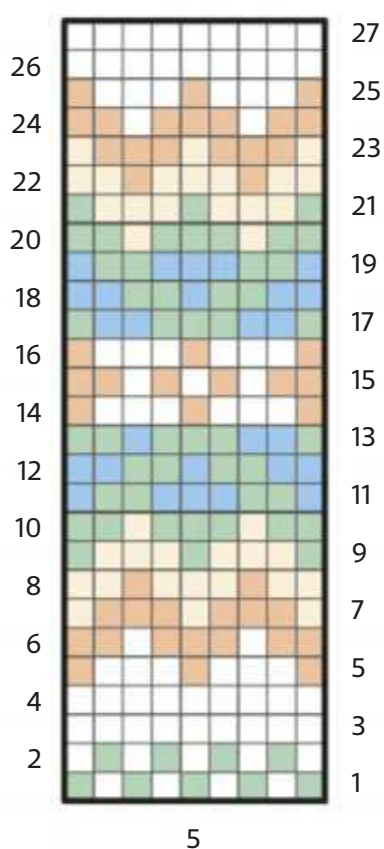
Complete to match first side, reversing shapings, finishing with 6 extra rows so that Right Front matches Back to start of shoulder shaping.

It's in the detail





The colourful horizontal bands and geometric patterns use the clever two-colour stranding technique, so you'll only ever be working with two colours at any one time. If you're new to Fair Isle, there are loads of YouTube tutorials that will help you get to grips with this technique.



Fair Isle Chart



Key

 = Yarn A  = Yarn D
 = Yarn B  = Yarn E
 = Yarn C

Neckband

Join right shoulder seam.

With RS facing and 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 8 (8: 10: 12) sts down left front neck, k11 (13: 15: 15) sts from front holder, 14 (14: 16: 20) sts up right front neck, then k23 (25: 27: 29) sts from back neck holder.
56 (60: 68: 76) sts.

Row 1 (WS) *P1, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 2 *P1, k1; rep from * to end.

Last 2 rows set rib. Work in rib until work meas 2.5cm (1in).
Cast off in rib.

Back shoulder button band

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 15 (17: 17: 19) sts across left back shoulder from top of neckband to armhole edge.

Beg with 2nd row, work in rib as given
for Back for 4 rows, ending with RS row
for next row.

Cast off in rib.

Front shoulder buttonhole band

With RS facing and using 3.25mm

(UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit
15 (17: 17: 19) sts across left front
shoulder.

Beg with a 2nd row, work in rib for 1 row.

Next row (RS) Rib 1 (3: 3: 3), work 2 tog, yo, rib 8, k2tog, yo, rib 2 (2: 2: 4).

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

Cast off in rib.

To make up

Lay front shoulder buttonhole band over back shoulder band so that pick-up rows match cast-off edges and sew together at armhole edge.

Armhole borders (both alike)

With RS facing and using 3.25mm (UK 10, US 3) needles, pick up and knit 57 (63: 63: 69) sts evenly around armhole edge.

Beg with a 2nd row, work in rib as for
Back for 6 rows.

Cast off in rib.

Join side and armhole border seams.

Block gently to measurements given, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. 🧶

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Beau bows

These booties from **Bergère de France** will look simply adorable on tiny tootsies

Knit up this pair of booties and keep little toes warm and comfy. The soles are made from soft fleece, which you can buy from Bergère de France, and your job is to make the knitted tops. Mostly made in stocking stitch, they have garter stitch detailing and are decorated with a cute, contrasting bow.

Booties

You will need

- **Bergère de France Caline, 50g in:**
Avoine (shade 34127) x 1 ball – Yarn A
Charlotte (shade 24969) x 1 ball – Yarn B
- 2.5mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2) knitting needles
- 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles
- A pair of sew-on soles (£8.60, www.bergeredefrance.co.uk)

Measurements

- To fit 3-6 (9-12: 22-24) mths

Tension

- 17 sts and 25 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st using 2 strands of yarn, using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see page 87

About this yarn

Bergère de France Caline

60% acrylic, 20% wool, 20% polyamide
180m per 50g

Machine wash at 30°C, dry flat

£3.40, www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

Booties

Cuff

Using 4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) needles and 2 strands of Yarn A held together, cast on 31 (35: 38) sts.

Work 4 rows g-st.

Starting with a knit row, cont in st-st until work measures 5.5 cm (2¼in).

(16 rows worked.)

Top of foot

Cast off 11 (12: 13) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Cont on the rem 9 (11: 12) sts until work measures 9 (9.5: 10.5)cm, 3½ (3¾:

4¼)in. (24 (26: 28) total rows worked.)

Work 2 rows g-st.

Work 2 rows st-st.

Next row (RS) K2tog, k5 (7: 8), k2tog.

Work 1 row purl on the rem 7 (9: 10) sts.

Next row (RS) K2tog, k3 (5: 6), k2tog.

Work 1 row purl on the rem 5 (7: 8) sts.

Cast off.

Bow (make 2)

Using 2.5 mm (UK 12/13, US 1/2)

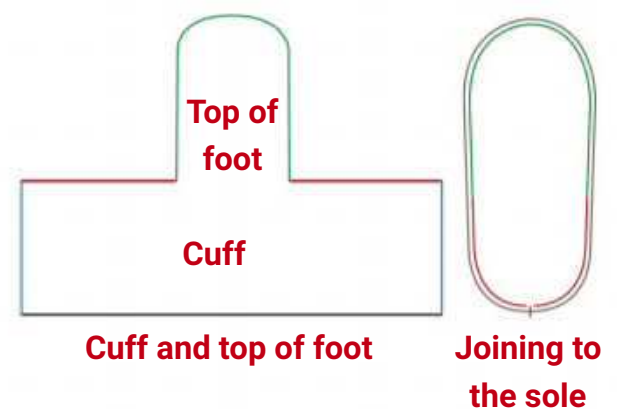
needles and Yarn B, cast on 17 sts.

Work 19 rows g-st.

Cast off.

Using one strand of Yarn B, wind around the centre of the bow several times.

Pull tight and fasten off.



To finish

Using the diagram as reference:

Pin the top of the foot (the green line on the diagram) and the edges of the cuff (the red line) to the inside of the sole up to the sole seam.

Using 2 strands of Yarn A held together, sew the cuff and top of foot to the sole using cross stitch.

Sew the back seam of the cuff (the blue line).

Sew a bow to the outside edge of each slipper, 2cm (¾in) from the top.

Secure and weave in all ends. 🧶

More ideas

Bergère de France has a large range of patterns for fun and funky, pretty and practical booties and slipper socks. Find them all at www.bergeredefrance.co.uk

How to knit

Never knitted before? Follow our step-by-step diagrams and instructions to get started. It's easier than you think!

Make a slip knot Start all knitting projects with this easy knot



Twist the yarn into a loop, and form a second loop of yarn to pull through the first one, as shown.



Tighten the first loop into a knot around the second. This will now be your first cast-on stitch.



Cast on – thumb method Use this for an extra-stretchy edge



Make a slipknot with a long tail of 2.5cm (1in) per stitch that the pattern asks you to cast on.



Loop the tail end of the yarn around your left thumb, and slide the needle tip into this loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the needle. Push the needle through the loop.



Slide the loop off your thumb and tighten both ends. Repeat steps 2-4 for each stitch.

Cast on – two needle method Use this for a strong, hardwearing edge



With the slip knot on your left needle, insert the right needle from front to back of the loop.



Wrap the ball end of the yarn anticlockwise around the right needle. Pull this through the loop.



Insert the left needle tip through the front of this new loop, dropping it off the right needle.



Repeat steps 1-3 as needed, forming new stitches from the top stitch on the left needle.

Cast off What to do when you've reached the end



To begin, knit only the first two stitches in the cast-off row.



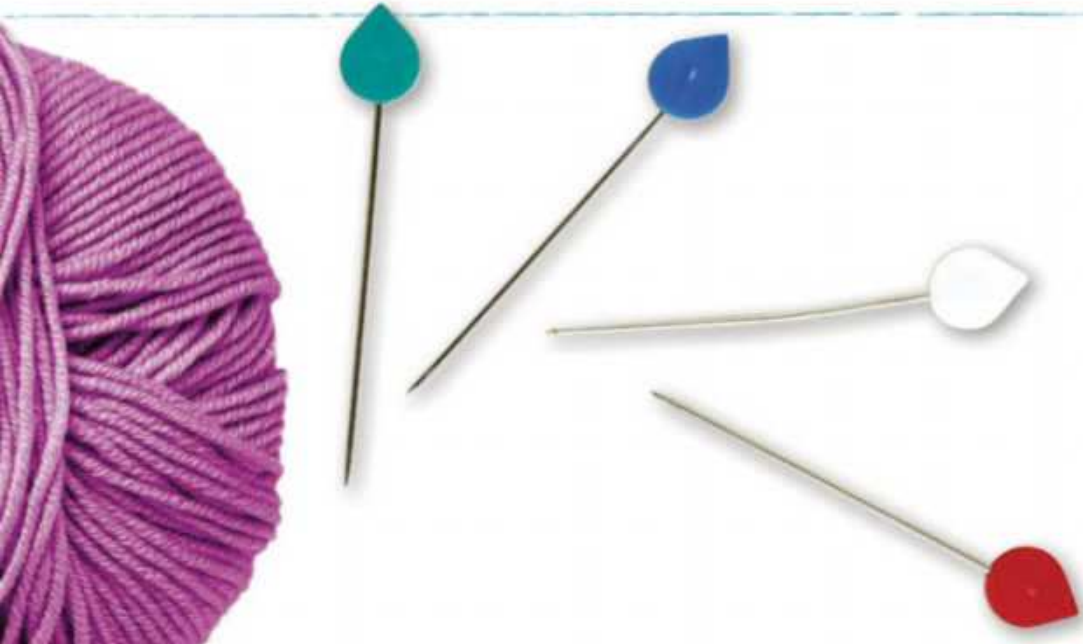
Push the left needle through the first stitch. Lift it over the second stitch and off the right needle.



With one stitch now on the right needle, knit another stitch and repeat step 2 to the end of the row.



Cut the yarn leaving a 15cm (6in) tail, and pull the tail through the final cast off stitch.



Knit Learn the basic stitch that everyone loves



1 Insert the right needle into the left needle's top stitch, from front to back, with the yarn at the back.



2 Hold the yarn around the right index finger and wrap it anticlockwise around the right needle.



3 Using the right needle, pull this new loop of yarn through the stitch on the left needle.



4 Ease the stitch off the left needle, keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.

Purl A knit stitch on the other side



1 Insert the right needle into the front of the left needle's top stitch, with the yarn at the front.



2 With your right index finger, wrap the yarn anticlockwise around the top of the right needle.



3 Using the right needle, pull this new loop of yarn back through the front of the stitch.



4 Ease the stitch off the left needle, keeping the new stitch on the right needle. Repeat these steps.

Standard abbreviations

- 0** = no stitches
- alt** = alternate
- approx** = approximately
- beg** = begin(ning)
- cb** = cable back
- CC** = contrast colour
- cf** = cable forward
- ch** = chain
- cn** = cable needle
- co** = cast on
- cont** = continue
- dc** = double crochet
- dec** = decrease (ing) (by working two stitches together)
- DPNs** = double-pointed needles
- foll** = following
- g-st** = garter stitch
- inc** = increase (ing)
- k** = knit
- k2tog** = knit 2 sts together
- k(1)tbl** = knit (1) into back loop
- kfb** = knit into front and back of stitch
- kwise** = knitwise
- ktog** = knit together
- LH** = left hand
- LT** = left twist
- m1** = make one stitch by picking up the loop lying between the stitch just worked and the next stitch and working into the back of it
- m-st** = moss stitch
- MB** = make bobble
- MC** = main colour
- P1** = work into the stitch directly below the one at the tip of the left needle, and drop the stitch on the needle off as usual
- p2tog** = purl 2 sts together (1 stitch decreased)
- p3tog** = purl 3 sts together (2 stitches decreased)
- patt** = pattern
- patt2tog** = work 2 st together in pattern
- p** = purl
- pfb** = purl into front and back of stitch
- PM** = place marker
- psso** = pass slipped stitch over
- pwise** = purlwise
- rem** = remain (ing)
- rep or rept** = repeat (ing)
- rev** = reverse
- rev st-st** = reverse stocking stitch
- rnd(s)** = round(s) (on a circular needle/DPNs)
- RH** = right hand
- RS** = right side
- RT** = right twist
- skpo** = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over
- sl** = slip
- sl st** = slip stitch
- sm** = stitch marker
- sppo** = slip 1, purl 1, pass slipped stitch over
- ssk** = slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
- sssk** = slip 3 stitches one at a time, knit 3 slipped stitches together (two stitches decreased)
- st(s)** = stitch(es)
- st-st** = stocking stitch
- tbl** = through back of loop
- tog** = together
- tr** = treble crochet
- WS** = wrong side
- wyib** = with yarn at back
- wyif** = with yarn in front
- ybk** = yarn to the back
- yf or yfwd** = yarn forward
- yo or yon** = yarn over needle
- yrn** = yarn round needle

Needle sizes

UK			METRIC			US			UK			METRIC			US		
14	2mm	0	8	4mm	6	0	8mm	11	0	8mm	11	0	8mm	11	0	8mm	11
13	2.25mm	1	7	4.5mm	7	00	9mm	13	00	9mm	13	00	9mm	13	00	9mm	13
-	2.5mm	-	6	5mm	8	000	10mm	15	000	10mm	15	000	10mm	15	000	10mm	15
12	2.75mm	2	5	5.5mm	9	-	12mm	17	-	12mm	17	-	12mm	17	-	12mm	17
11	3mm	-	4	6mm	10	-	15mm	19	-	15mm	19	-	15mm	19	-	15mm	19
10	3.25mm	3	3	6.5mm	10½	-	20mm	36	-	20mm	36	-	20mm	36	-	20mm	36
-	3.5mm	4	2	7mm	-	-	25mm	50	-	25mm	50	-	25mm	50	-	25mm	50
9	3.75mm	5	1	7.5mm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

How to crochet

If you've not tried crochet before, learn the basic stitches with our step-by-step guide then use it to add pretty edging or motifs to your knitted projects



Foundation chain

Like casting on, this is the basis for your crochet project



1 To start, make a slip knot around your crochet hook.



2 Bring the yarn around the hook from the back to the front and catch the yarn with the hook.



3 With the yarn still under the hook, bring the hook through the slip knot to create a new loop.



4 Lengthen the chain by repeating steps 2-3, creating a new chain stitch with each repeat.

Double crochet

A basic stitch that creates a dense fabric



1 Insert your hook into the loop of the next stitch and carry the yarn over the hook.



2 Bring the yarn through the stitch. You will now have two loops on your crochet hook.



3 Carry the yarn over the hook again, and draw this through both loops on your crochet hook.

Hook sizes

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	B/1
13	2.25mm	–
12	2.5mm	C/2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	D/3
9	3.5mm	E/4
8	4mm	G/6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	H/8
5	5.5mm	I/9
4	6mm	J/10
3	6.5mm	K/10½
2	7mm	–
0	8mm	–
00	9mm	–
000	10mm	–

Yarn weights

There are lots of different weights of yarn to choose from, so read our handy guide to picking the right yarn for your project, from delicate laceweight to blankets and chunky big knits...

1, 2 & 3-ply Knit on 2 - 3.5mm needles. Use for delicate lace knitting and baby garments. Good for socks and gloves.



4-ply Knit on 3 - 4mm needles. Great for baby clothes, heavier socks and lightweight tops.



Double knitting (DK) Knit on 3.5 - 4.5mm needles. Usually double the weight of 4-ply, this is the most widely used weight. Suitable for most garments and quick to knit up.



Aran Knit on 4 - 5.5mm needles. Originally created for fishermen's jumpers. Use when DK isn't heavy enough, and chunky is too bulky. Perfect for outdoor or warm clothing.



Chunky Knit on 5.5 - 7mm needles. Associated with outdoor wear and winter jumpers, great for oversized garments.



Super chunky Knit on 7 - 12mm needles. A great weight for beginners, as it produces quick results. Good for furnishings.



Big Knit on 9 - 20mm needles. Perfect for eye-catching scarves and coats, as well as cosy cushions and throws.



Shopping guide

Buy yarn and pattern books from this issue, plus take a look at our designers' websites

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www.angelaturnerdesigns.etsy.com

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The last word

Designer Jo Allport shares her top tips, advice and knitting know-how...

What's your best advice for a new knitter?

Pick something simple to knit first so that you can master the basics. Something in garter stitch that doesn't have any shaping, like a scarf, is ideal.

What's your top time saving tip?

Always read the pattern instructions thoroughly at least once before you even think about starting to knit!

Best way to fix a dropped stitch?

I'm not a knitting purist so if it's not obvious and it's a long way back, I would sew it to the wrong side, so that it didn't unravel any further and make a new stitch on the row I'm working on. If it is obvious, then I use a crochet hook to pick it up, then work it up the rows in the correct stitch. It's tedious and time consuming but it works! Otherwise, it's ripping it back to the dropped stitch...

What's the best piece of knitting advice you've been given?

Always block! You put all your love and effort into your knitting, then can spoil it by not finishing it properly! I block using my old baby muslin cloths dampened over the pinned out piece. I could talk forever about blocking. It's so important!



Any ideas for using up leftover yarn?

I work with a charity that knits Smoothie hats – these use tiny amounts of yarn and are one way to use up leftovers. There are plenty of small projects for leftovers, the key is to use yarns together that have a similar fibre and weight.

Have you had any knitting disasters?

Who hasn't! I remember making a lovely jumper in the 1980s and I shortened it – far too much to wear!

Your must-have knitting gadgets?

A yarn swift (to wind skeins of yarn) and a ball winder!

What's your go-to baby quick knit?

A simple raglan garter stitch jumper – it's amazing how gorgeous something so simple can be.



Jo Allport (top) and a selection of the gorgeous baby knitwear she's designed for Love Knitting for Baby

Do you have any knitting 'cheats' or shortcuts you can share with us?

I usually cast on using a cable cast on method, but sometimes for a more stretchy cast on I use a long tail cast on. The challenge with this is to gauge the amount of yarn required for the number of stitches; I get round this by making a slip knot with two balls and working the cast on with the two separate balls. I cut one of them off when all the stitches have been cast on and I use the two-yarn slip knot as two separate stitches.

What do you do if you get knitter's block when designing?

Go for a walk! I find myself doing this a lot. It really helps me to construct a design in my head. 🌿



Jo's dragon tail snuggle blanket is one of our favourites!



Jo designed this adorable baby blanket for Rico

To see more of Jo's beautiful knitwear designs, check out her Ravelry page at www.ravelry.com/patterns/sources/jo-allport-designs/patterns



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