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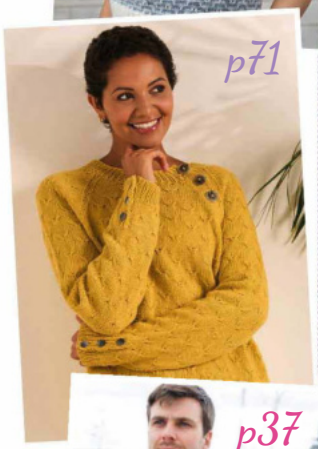
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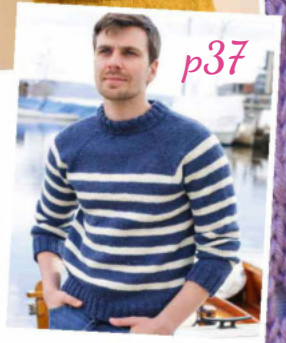
Kirstie McLeod, Editor











Welcome to the August issue! We're bursting with sun-kissed inspiration – from our loose **V-neck tee**, to a **mosaic stitch tee** with sweet button detail and a nautical-style **men's crew neck jumper**. There are also adorable **kitty dolls** for little ones. Inside, you'll find tips on everything from unpicking seams to perfecting buttonholes, a wishlist of the latest yarns and tools, plus an **exclusive jumper pattern from Rowan**. And don't miss your chance to celebrate **King Cole's 90th anniversary** with our **prize draw**! Looking ahead to next issue, we're launching a new campaign across the mag and socials to support **local yarn shops** – sharing ways we can all champion the brilliant independents that keep our knitting community thriving.

The SK Team x

Kirstie, Nicola, Sophie Camilla, Jennifer and Cory



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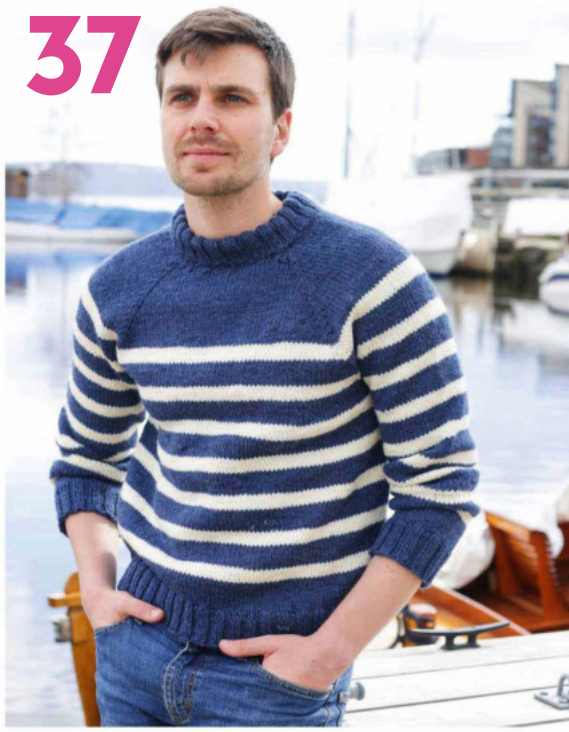
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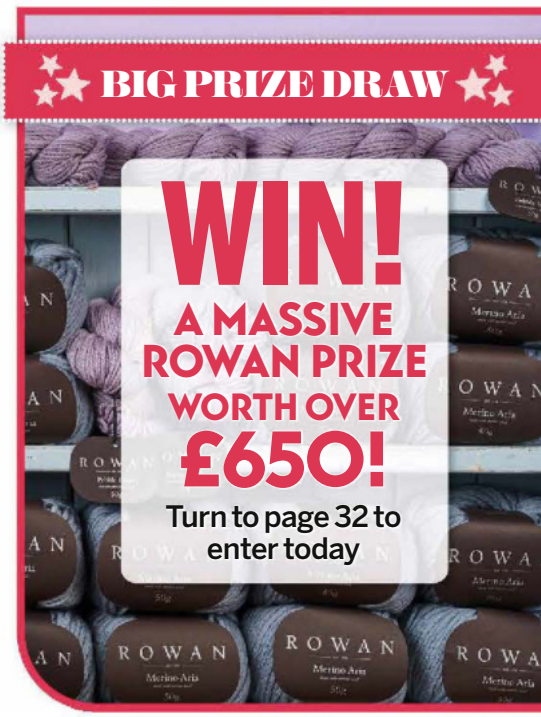
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OUR GIFTS TO YOU THIS MONTH!

Summer patterns in our Holiday Knits Collection

Get ready to stitch up some sunshine with the latest issue of *Simply Knitting* magazine! This month's exciting collection includes our exclusive Holiday Knits Pattern Collection, packed with three fun and fabulous patterns perfect for summer crafting and relaxing in the sunshine. Inside you'll find a stylish knitted T-shirt, a summery Fair Isle beach bag, a playful tropical fishing game, and plenty of seasonal inspiration to keep your needles busy whether you're at home or away on holiday.



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GREAT summer PATTERNS

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MUST-HAVE GIFTS NEXT ISSUE!

King Cole 90th Anniversary Pattern Collection

Next issue's special supplement is packed with knits of all sorts, each one specially chosen from King Cole's huge library. From lace accessories and socks to garments and baby treats, there's a classic pattern here that's perfect for your next project.



Save the date!

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Dress-up mermaid doll

DON'T MISS THIS!

Imagine a playtime filled with the joys of diving in the ocean and having fun chasing your fishy friends. Well, we bring this to you in the form of our dress-up mermaid doll next issue. Sweet, cheerful and ready for wonderful adventures in the sea and on land, she's a must-knit for your aspiring swimmers!



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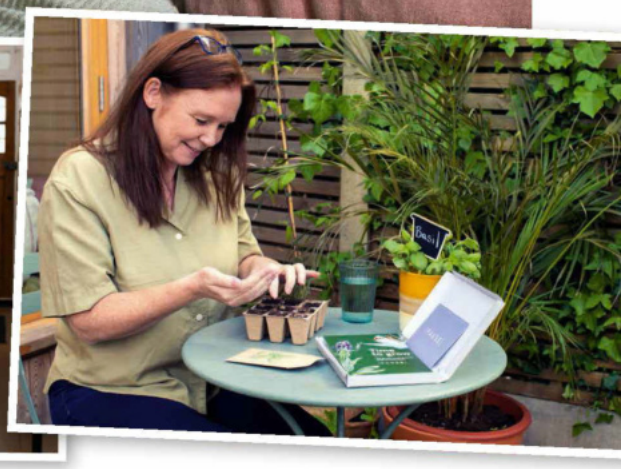
'I tried Pause for myself to prioritise self-care and I was so pleased... I enjoyed the activity and having my moment of me-time,' *Josephine, Grantham*

PAUSE. CREATE. REFLECT.

Give yourself or a loved one the gift of wellbeing and enjoy a creative surprise every month for a year.







A surprise in a box is one of life's greatest pleasures. A pretty birthday gift tied with a spotted bow, a gilded tin crammed with sweet treats or a Christmas present wrapped in jolly patterned paper. Irresistible! So imagine the joy of receiving a surprise box through the post every month for a year?

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Mind is the UK charity that fights for mental health. It works to change minds, whether that's by opening up conversations, or speaking out against unfair treatment for those of us with mental health problems. Mind supports by giving invaluable advice and information, and it connects by bringing people and communities together.

Helping yourself while helping others? Sounds like a win-win. Here's why we love to take a Pause.

5 reasons to sign up to Pause

1. Sweet anticipation
Sometimes the waiting is better than the receiving. You can enjoy the anticipation of receiving a surprise gift every month for a whole year with Pause.

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While anticipation is sweet, opening your gift delivers delightful surprise with a fresh creative challenge and the ultimate reason to take some time out.

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Pause is a wonderful way to treat yourself, or as a surprise gift for a friend or loved one. It's easy to sign up too, simply head to **pauseformind.org.uk** or scan the QR code below to find out more.

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Wishlist

Shopping ♥ Events ♥ Inspiration ♥ People ♥ Views



SUMMER CHIC

Bring the warmer months straight to your needles with Rowan and Quail Studio's latest collection of elegant, easy-to-wear summer garments featuring cotton, cashmere, kidsilk and more. **'Edition Five' Book £13.75, www.knitrowan.com**

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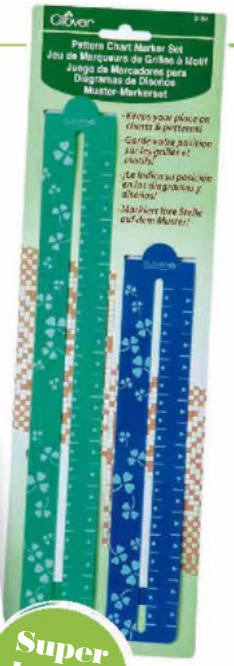


What I'm loving...

...brand new kid mohair, top knitting kit, exciting new storage ideas and gorgeous baby and colour-cool yarns!



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Rico's Super Kid Mohair Loves Silk is a luxurious mohair-silk blend yarn. Available in soft pastels and vibrant jewel tones, it's perfect for creating elegant, lightweight shawls that combine fashion and fun effortlessly!
£9.99 for 25g/195m, www.rico-design.en for stockists



Clover Pattern Marker Set
This top set includes two magnetic markers to easily track your place on knitting or cross-stitch charts. Lightweight, durable and perfect for organised, hassle-free crafting.
£17.79, www.amazon.co.uk



Super handy kit!





Cygnet Snoozy Woosies Yarn
New Snoozy Woosies is a super-soft chunky baby blanket yarn in 200g cakes – perfect for quick, cosy projects. Ideal for blankets, cushions and sleep sacks. Available now through Cygnet Yarns stockists nationwide.
£6.98 per 200g, www.cygnetyarns.com



Scubi Storage Box
Scubi is a new, unique cubed-storage bag with four transparent sides for easy visibility, multiple zippered compartments for secure organisation and two opaque sides for discreet storage. Available in various stylish prints for all your knitting kit!
£24.95, www.scubi.co.uk

Hobbii Crafting Acrylic
Hobbii's new Crafting Acrylic is a soft, durable 100% acrylic, aran-weight yarn. With 347m per 170g skein, it's perfect for knitting or crochet using 5mm needles. Machine washable it's available in 39 vibrant colours!
£6, www.hobbii.co.uk



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COLOURFUL CARNIVAL

Get ready to turn heads with Scheepjes Parade – a vibrant new DK yarn collection bursting with colour. With 20 striking colourways inspired by joy, self-expression and celebration, each 100g ball blends 4 to 6 complementary shades from the Colour Crafter range. Soft, anti-pilling and compatible with Colour Crafter and Scrumptious, Parade is perfect for bold standalone projects or eye-catching, mixed-yarn creations.
£4.95 for 100g, www.scheepjes.com for stockists



Snuggle in Style

Soft, colourful and full of charm – the latest patterns in Cherish DK yarn bring joy to every stitch for your little ones



Welcome to the latest Cherish DK baby knits from the experts at King Cole. Cherish yarn is a playful yarn, blending vibrant colours with a soft, snuggly texture that's perfect for babies and young children. Whether it's a cosy baby blanket or a fun jumper, Cherish DK brings a splash of interest to every stitch. Check out the latest Cherish DK patterns for jumpers, cardigans, hats and blankets.
Yarn £3.99 for 100g, patterns from £2.79, www.kingcole.com

100% SUMMER COTTON

Soft and natural, Yarnsmiths Cotton DK is the perfect everyday yarn for classic warm-weather makes



Yarnsmiths welcomes a sunny new addition: 100% Cotton DK. Just in time for summer crafting, this soft, non-splitting yarn offers beautiful drape and is lovely to work with. Featuring 120 familiar shades from the Create range, it now offers a natural alternative to your favourite yarns. Its budget price point and versatility make it ideal for any project, from garments to home décor. EN71 and Oeko-Tex certified, it's safe for all ages and suitable for gifting too. Dive into the free patterns from Yarnsmiths and discover your new go-to cotton yarn for every season.
£2 for 50g, www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

YARN OF THE MONTH

HOBBII BUENA VISTA

Try a soft, subtle, breathable yarn that makes the most elegant garments and accessories



Hobbii's latest yarn, Buena Vista, is a delicate blend of 56% cotton, 35% acrylic, and 9% polyamide, offering breathability, durability and a gentle feel against the skin. This super-fine yarn features soft pastel tones and short colour changes, creating a painterly effect in every stitch. A fine white thread wrapped around the strand adds texture and visual interest. Ideal for lightweight tops, socks, shawls and summer accessories, Buena Vista works with 3mm needles. Machine washable and easy to care for, it's perfect for stylish, everyday wear and an excellent choice for crafters seeking both comfort and subtle elegance in their handmade garments.
£9 for 100g, www.hobbii.co.uk







Stylish Summertime

Check out 12 elegant designs in rich, sun-ready summer yarns from Rowan

Rowan's Quail Studio returns with 'Edition Five' – a chic new collection of modern handknit designs. Featuring 12 timeless patterns in minimalist silhouettes, this edition brings elegance and ease to your summer dressing. Knitted in a luxurious palette of caramel, espresso and cinnamon tones, each piece uses Rowan yarn favourites such as Cotton Cashmere, Summerlite DK, Kidsilk Haze and more. This collection is perfect for layering, lounging or elevating your everyday wardrobe.

Book £13.75, www.knitrowan.com



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'Traditional Knits from the Faroe Islands' Book £25, Search Press



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LAVENDER DAYS

Bamboo, cotton and airy lace combine in this easy V-neck tee designed for lightness and laid-back style. By **Pat Menchini**





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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS



YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK (50% bamboo viscose, 50% cotton, 100g/230m) ***For yarn quantities and measurements see size table***
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 3.75mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

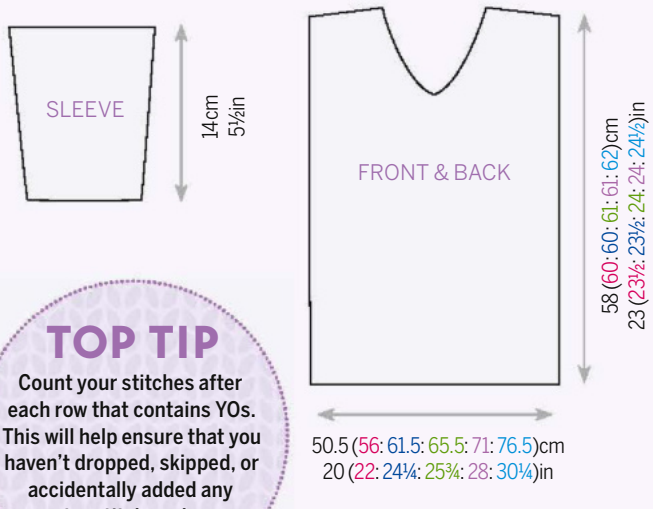
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WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **Purplelinda Crafts** www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk
- ☐ **The Knitting Network** 01795 570303 or www.theknittingnetwork.co.uk



TOP TIP

Count your stitches after each row that contains YOs. This will help ensure that you haven't dropped, skipped, or accidentally added any extra stitches along the way.

LACE V-NECK TEE

BACK

Cast on 113 (125: 137: 146: 158: 170) sts using 4mm needles.

Change to 3.75mm needles.
Work 7 rows in garter st.

Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a RS knit row, work 4 rows in st st.

SET MAIN PATT

Row 1 (RS) K2, *yo, skpo, K1; rep from * to end.
Rows 2 to 6 Beg with a WS purl row, work 5 rows in st st.
Row 7 K1, *k2tog, yo, K1; rep from * to last 4 sts, k2tog, yo, K2.
Rows 8 to 12 As Rows 2 to 6.
These 12 rows set main patt.**
Cont in patt until Back measures 56 (57: 57: 58: 58: 60)cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

DIVIDE FOR BACK NECK

Note The pattern requires a k2tog for every yarn over to keep the patt correct. Therefore when shaping decreases, cut into the pattern, working any odd sts in st st if you can't complete a k2tog/yo pair.
Next row (RS) Patt 43 (48: 53: 56: 61: 66), k2tog, K1, turn and cont on these 45 (50: 55: 58: 63: 68) sts for right Back neck, leaving rem 67 (74: 81: 87: 94: 101) sts on hold.
Next row (WS) P1, p2tog, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]
Next row Patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]
Rep last 2 rows once more. [41 (46: 51: 54: 59: 64) sts]
Patt 1 row, ending at side edge.

***SHAPE SHOULDER

Note Maintain 2 sts at neck edge in st st and cont in patt on rem sts throughout.
Cast off 10 (12: 13: 13: 14: 16) sts at beg of next row, then on the 2 foll alt rows. [11 (10: 12: 15: 17: 16) sts]



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24	26-28
TO FIT BUST	cm	76-81	86-91	97-102	107-112	117-122	127-132
	in	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52
ACTUAL BUST	cm	101	112	123	131	142	153
	in	39¾	44	48½	51½	56	60¼
LENGTH	cm	58	60	60	61	61	62
	in	23	23½	23½	24	24	24½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	14	14	14	14	14	14
	in	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½	5½
YARN		King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK (100g/230m)					
Thistle (3456)		5	5	6	6	6	7

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





"There's something so comfy-looking about this soft-touch, loose tee, making it perfect for casual summer looks. And that gorgeous colour is so perfect for sunny days!"

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

Patt 1 row straight.
Cast off rem 11 (10: 12: 15: 17: 16) sts.***

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at neck edge to rem 67 (74: 81: 87: 94: 101) sts.
Cast off 21 (23: 25: 28: 30: 32) sts for Back neck, K1, skpo, patt to end. [45 (50: 55: 58: 63: 68) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to last 3 sts, p2tog tbl, P1. [1 st dec'd]
Next row K1, skpo, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]
Rep last 2 rows once more. [41 (46: 51: 54: 59: 64) sts]
Patt 2 rows straight, ending at side edge.
Shape shoulder as for first side from *** to ***.

FRONT

Work as Back to **.
Cont in patt until Front measures 39cm from cast-on edge, measured through centre of work and ending after a RS row.

DIVIDE FOR FRONT NECK

Next row (WS) P52 (58: 64: 68: 74: 80), **cast off** next 9 (9: 9: 10: 10: 10) sts loosely knitwise for Front neck, P to end.
[52 (58: 64: 68: 74: 80) sts for each side of neck]

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Cont on these 52 (58: 64: 68: 74: 80) sts for left Front neck.
Dec row Patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [1 st dec'd]





Note Maintain 3 sts at neck edge in st st on rows where there are no decs to work and cont in patt on rem sts throughout.
Rep dec row on every foll 4th (4th: alt: alt: alt: alt) row until 48 (52: 58: 62: 64: 70) sts remain, then on every foll 4th row for all sizes until 41 (46: 51: 54: 59: 64) sts remain.
Patt straight until Front measures same as Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending at side edge.
Shape shoulder as for Back from *** to ***, maintaining 3 sts at neck edge as before.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at neck edge to remaining 52 (58: 64: 68: 74: 80) sts.

Dec row K2, skpo, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]

Note Maintain 3 sts at neck edge in st st on rows where there are no decs to work and cont in patt on rem sts throughout.
Rep dec row on every foll 4th (4th: alt: alt: alt: alt) row until 48 (52: 58: 62: 64: 70) sts remain, then on every foll 4th row for all sizes until 41 (46: 51: 54: 59: 64) sts remain.

Patt straight until Front measures same as Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending at side edge.

Shape shoulder as for Back from *** to ***, maintaining 3 sts at neck edge as before.

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



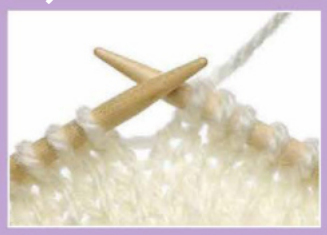
1 Bring the yarn to the front of the needles before you work the next stitch.



2 Insert the right-hand needle into the next stitch, and wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle to knit the stitch.



3 This will bring the yarn between the needles to the front, and you can then pull it through the stitch as normal.



4 Slip the stitch off the needle. You will notice that the yarn over forms an extra loop to the right of the stitch you have just worked.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 71 (77: 83: 86: 92: 98) sts using 4mm needles.

Change to 3.75 mm needles.
Work 7 rows in garter st.

Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a RS knit row, work 4 rows in st st.

Work in Main patt as set for Back until Sleeve measures 14cm or desired length, ending after a WS row.
Cast off loosely.

NECK BORDER

Join both shoulder seams.
Cast on 19 sts using 3.25mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) K2, (P1, K1) 8 times, K1.
Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) 9 times.
Cont in rib until Border fits all round neck edge, allowing for the ribbing to be very slightly stretched.
Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Tack, then stitch Neck Border in place, starting with cast-on edge which is joined to the centre Front neck cast-off. As you sew, very slightly stretch on edge of ribbing as necessary and sew cast-off edge of Neck Border overlapping cast-on at Front neck.
Stitch cast-off edge of Sleeves to upper side edges of Back and Front, matching centre of Sleeve top to shoulder seams. Join side and Sleeve seams. Block gently on WS following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.





Stay in touch!



Kirstie McLeod, Editor

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



Pattern in Issue 256

It's confirmed – Ribberto really does give fabulous hugs!

FROGGY FANTASTIC

Hi everyone! I want to show you my version of Ribberto, what an amazing pattern! He is now happily sitting on our couch and sooo good with hugs! Knitting is such an important part in my life. My ADHD makes it hard for me to sit still, so I always knit something whilst watching TV. During my chemotherapy at the age of 21, knitting kept me calm and occupied, and helped bonding with others in the treatment rooms. We developed our own knit and natter group! Nowadays, when volunteering at our local theatre, my friend Linda and wait for the interval showing off, and working on, our latest projects. What would we all do without this beautiful craft!?

Elise Lee

Our readers have really taken to Ribberto – we've had so many letters telling us – and your version is just as wonderful, Elise. I feel like we should get them all together for a lily pad meet up around the pond. I hope he provides all the comfort you need for those important moments.

★STAR LETTER★

SOCKS APPEAL

I thought you might like to see the collection of socks I knitted. My daughter organised a hen party for her friend at a glamping site, so asked me if I would knit socks for everyone. By the time I had knitted 15 pairs I was ready to have a change from sock knitting but everyone seemed to love them and were glad of the extra warmth during the chilly evenings.

Deb Williams

This is a fabulous idea for a glamping hen do (which is *also* a fabulous idea!). I'm not surprised you were ready to give sock knitting a rest though. We think you deserve a little treat to make up for that! Best wishes to the happy couple from everyone at SK!



Only cosy toes at the hen-do glamping site!

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Soft grey regimented squares fill Ezra's brand new baby blanket

BLANKET FOR BABY

I knitted this pattern in grey Sirdar Snuggly yarn for my baby grandson Ezra. I am really pleased with the result.

Zena Ford

Such a gorgeous pattern, Zena, and your work is incredibly neat. I hope your grandson enjoys being snuggled up in this wonderful work of handmade love.

READER TOP TIP

Do you have a handy knitting tip you want to share with us, like Janet?

KEEPING TRACK

I always save the yarn label and pin it to my swatch or tuck it into a little ziplock or drawstring bag along with all the leftovers. It saves so much guesswork if I need to match dye lots or reorder later!

Janet F

What a fabulous idea Janet! This is a great way to keep track of things when working on a treasured project.



Little gauze bags always come in handy when you're a knitter!

DO YOU HAVE A TIP TO SHARE?

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

★KNIT SHOP OF THE MONTH★

THE STITCHING LADY

I'm reaching out to see if you'd be interested in featuring a new independent craft shop that opened in March in Scarborough, North Yorkshire.

My shop, The Stitching Lady, is a cosy space dedicated to hand embroidery, cross stitch, knitting and crochet. We stock a curated range of supplies and accessories, as well as beautiful handmade kits and accessories from local makers. We're also building a creative community through regular workshops for all skill levels.

After a fantastic launch and great feedback from customers, I'm now working hard to spread the word further. I think your readers – especially those who love crafts and small business stories – would really enjoy hearing about us.

Samantha Hunter

There's not much that brings the SK team more joy that the news that a new independent craft shop has opened! We all know the wondrous nature of these Aladdin's caves and yours is no exception Samantha. We wish you and all your customers the best at The Stitching Lady. Here's to a wonderful crafting adventure in Scarborough.



If you're ever in Scarborough, pop into Samantha's new shop!

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

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FEELING SHEEPISH

I just loved this sheep pattern from Issue 260. I don't usually do a lot of knitting as I help teach crochet to a lovely group of ladies, The Rossington Woolly Wonders. When I saw this pattern it reminded me of the toys my grandma used to make. I used to love to just sit and watch her knit. When I was 9, she taught me to knit and make toys. I only ever learnt garter and stocking stitch. I just loved learning a new stitch. This pattern brought back a lot of happy memories and taught me a new skill. Which I look forward to passing on, thank you.

Toni Fraser

I'm thrilled our pattern tempted you back to knitting! She is the cutest little sheep ever though, don't you think?



Toni found our sheep knit simply irresistible



Brilliant bunnies for Jen's lucky grandchildren

BUNNY BONANZA

Dear Kirstie, here are the brother and sister bunnies I knitted for Easter. My grandchildren are always excited to receive my knitted projects. What is wonderful is the pleasure it gives them!

Jen Lawrence

Making for young children must be one of the most rewarding things a knitter can do. I'm not surprised your grandchildren were pleased, such cute bunnies!

GOOD FRIENDS

I started this jumper from Issue 260 for my friend's birthday. I had nearly finished when she asked if I could omit the sleeves, so here it is. It was lovely to knit and she was thrilled with it. It also helped to use up the wool left to me when a close friend passed.

Janet Prescott

What great adaptation skills you have Janet, I'm loving the updated look! There's nothing quite like being given a handmade knit. Every time I wear one, I think about the hours taken to knit every stitch. I hope your friend enjoys wearing her special tank top.

Pattern in Issue 260



A personalised handknit for Janet's friend

SAY HELLO!

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FLIPSIDE COLOUR

Brighten your toes with a pair of two-tone socks that are perfectly matched yet delightfully odd. By **Emma Sadler**

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Merino Sock (75% Merino wool, 25% nylon, 100g/400m)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn A Deep Teal (2K235)
  Yarn B Hydrangea (2K266)
- ☐ 2mm circular needles or 1 set of double-pointed needles (DPNs) for working in the round
- ☐ 2.5mm circular needles or a set of DPNs for working in the round
- ☐ Stitch holder
- ☐ 3 stitch markers
- ☐ Cable needle (cn)

TENSION

28 sts and 40 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 2.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Actual foot circumference
20.5 (23: 25.5)cm [8 (9: 10)in]
Cuff to the bottom of the heel
14 (15.5: 16.5)cm [5¾ (6: 6½)in]
Heel to toe
23 (25: 27)cm [9 (10: 10¾)in]

ABBREVIATIONS

Tw2B Slip 1 st to cn and hold at back of work, K1tbl; K1tbl from cn
Tw2F Slip 1 st to cn and hold at front of work, K1tbl; K1tbl from cn

For a full list see page 79

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

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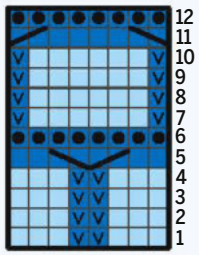
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KEY

- Knit
- Purl
- Sl 1
- Tw2B
- Tw2F
- Yarn A
- Yarn B

CHART



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"The unusual pattern of these socks is created by slipping and twisting stitches. These ones have a more triangular pattern, which is different from last issue's socks."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

ODD SOCKS

Notes If you tend to have a tight cast on, use the larger size needles to cast on before switching to the smaller size to work the rib stitch.

CHART WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Rnds 1 to 4 Using Yarn B *K3, sl2, K3; rep from * to end.
Rnd 5 Using Yarn A, *K2, Tw2B, Tw2F, K2; rep from * to end.
Rnd 6 Using Yarn A, purl.
Rnds 7 to 10 Using Yarn B, *sl1, K6, sl1; rep from * to end.
Rnd 11 Using Yarn A, *Tw2F, K4, Tw2B; rep from * to end.
Rnd 12 Using Yarn A, purl.

SOCK ONE

Cast on 56 (64: 72) sts using 2mm DPNs (or circular needles,100cm long), and Yarn A, and join to work in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of rnd.

CUFF

Rnd 1 *K2tbl, P2; rep from * to end of rnd.
Rep Rnd 1 until work measures 2.5cm from cast-on edge.

LEG

Change to 2.5mm needles.
Set-Up Rnd 1 Knit.
Set-Up Rnd 2 Purl.
Following either the written or charted instructions, work the 12-rnd pattern twice, and then work Rnds 1 to 5 a final time.





HEEL FLAP

With WS facing and using Yarn A, P28 (32: 36).
You will now be working in rows on these sts, place the rest on a st holder.
Row 1 *Sl1, K1; rep to end.
Row 2 Sl1, purl to end.
Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for a total of 28 (32: 36) rows.

TURN HEEL

Row 1 K16 (18: 20), ssk, K1, turn.
Row 2 Sl1, P5, p2tog, P1, turn.
Row 3 Sl1, knit to 1 st before gap, ssk, K1, turn.
Row 4 Sl1, purl to 1 st before gap, p2tog, P1, turn.
Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all heel sts have been worked, ending with a WS row, and ending p2tog if there are not enough sts to end p2tog, P1. [16 (18: 20) heel sts]

HEEL GUSSET

Using Yarn A, knit across all heel sts and pick up and knit 14 (16: 18) sts along the selvedge edge of the heel flap, PM, purl across the instep sts which were held on the st holder, PM, pick up and knit 14 (16: 18) sts along the other selvedge edge of the heel flap and then knit across half of the heel sts again to establish beginning of the round at the centre back of the heel, PM. [72 (82: 92) sts]

Rnd 1 Using Yarn B, knit to 3 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, K1, ssk, knit to end.
Rnd 2 Using Yarn B, knit to SM, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, knit to end.
Rnds 3 and 4 Rep Rnds 1 and 2.
Rnd 5 Using Yarn A, knit to 3 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, K1, ssk, knit to end.
Rnd 6 Using Yarn A, knit to SM, sl SM, purl to SM, sl SM, knit to end.
Rnd 7 Using Yarn B, knit to 3 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, K1, ssk, knit to end.
Rnd 8 Using Yarn B, knit to SM, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, knit to end.
Rnds 9 and 10 Rep Rnds 7 and 8.
Rnd 11 Using Yarn A, knit to 3 sts before SM, k2tog, K1, sl SM, maintain 12-rnd patt as set to SM, sl SM, K1, ssk, knit to end.
Rnd 12 Using Yarn A, knit to SM, sl SM, purl to SM, sl SM, knit to end.

Repeat Rnds 1 to 12 until 56 (64: 72) sts remain.

FOOT

Continue working rounds with the instep in *pattern*, and the sole in *knit* until the section from the back of the heel measures 19 (21: 23)cm, or 4cm less than preferred foot length.

TOE

Break Yarn B and cont in Yarn A only.
Rnd 1 Knit to 3 sts before SM, ssk, K1, sl SM, K1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before SM, ssk, K1, sl SM, K1, k2tog, knit to end.
Rnd 2 Knit.
Rep Rnds 1 and 2 until there are 32 (40: 48) sts.
Rep Rnd 1 only until there are 16 (24: 32) sts.
Knit from beginning of round marker to the first decrease marker.

Arrange instep sts on one needle and sole sts on another needle.
Cut yarn, leaving a 45cm tail.
Graft sts together using the Kitchener st.

SOCK TWO

Follow instructions for Sock One, but swap the yarns around so Yarn A will become Yarn B and Yarn B will become Yarn A. This will create a fraternal pair of socks with the colours reversed.

MAKING UP

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

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



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



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



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



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

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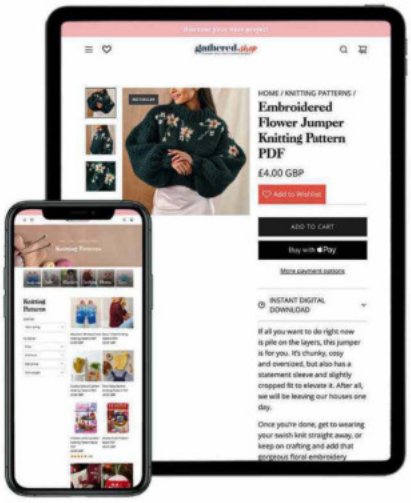
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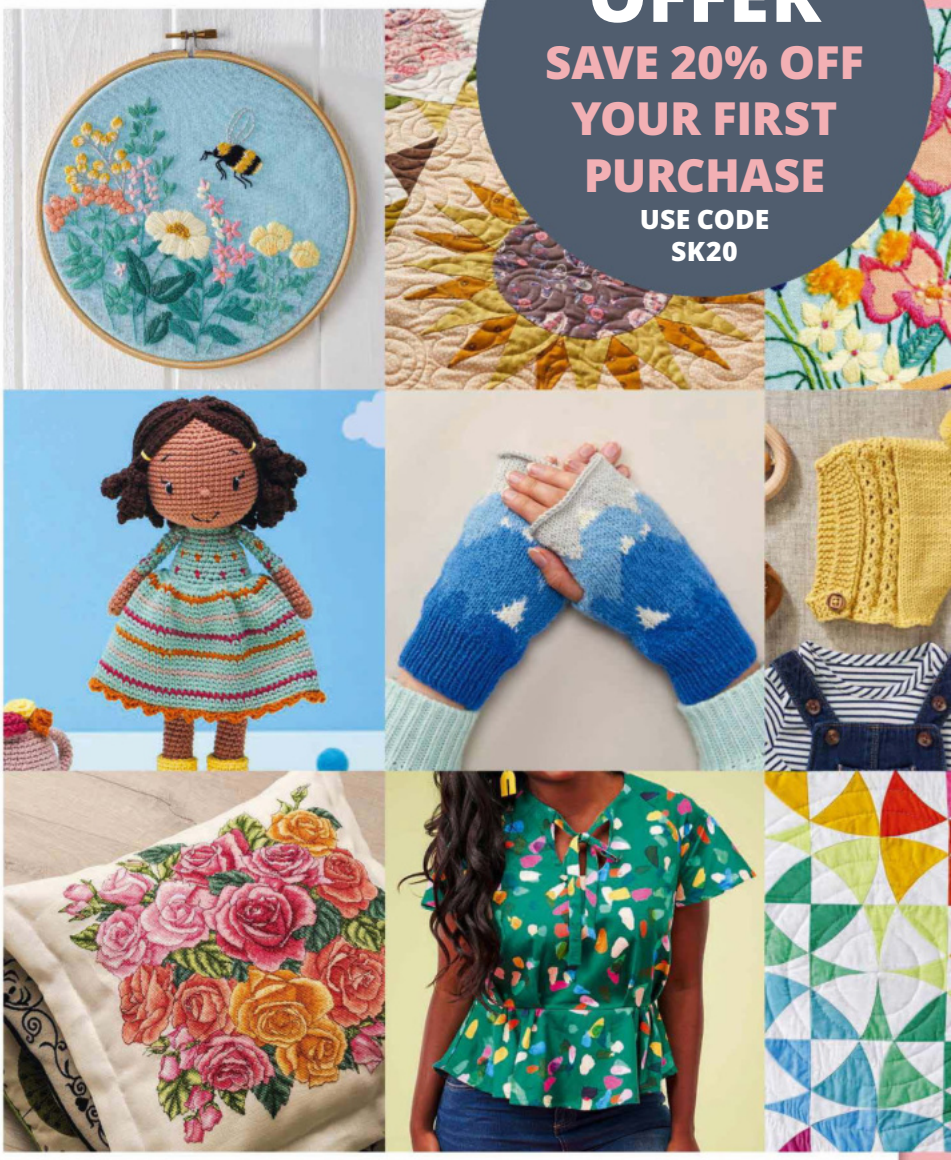
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SUNNY SIDE UP

Bring on the smiles with this cheerful, textured jumper – perfect for play, warmth and cooler days! By **Sarah Hatton**

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YOU WILL NEED

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

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

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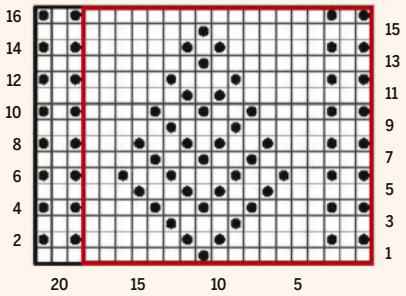
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CHART



KEY

- ☐ K on RS; P on WS
- ● P on RS; K on WS
- ■ Repeat

"I love seeing children in yellow, it's such a bright, cheerful colour and works well in all seasons. Popping a blouse underneath keeps things even cosier, if necessary."

CAMILLA OWEN, DESIGNER



KID'S JUMPER
CHART WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

Row 1 (RS) *K10, P1, K7; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3. [21 sts]
Row 2 (WS) K1, P1, K1, *P6, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 3 *K8, P1, K3, P1, K5; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 4 K1, P1, K1, *P4, (K1, P2) twice, K1, P4, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 5 *K6, P1, K2, P1, K1, P1, K2, P1, K3; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 6 K1, P1, K1, *(P2, K1) twice, P3, (K1, P2) twice, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 7 *K7, (P1, K2) twice, P1, K4; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 8 K1, P1, K1, *P3, K1, P2, K1, P1, K1, P2, K1, P3, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 9 As Row 3.
Row 10 As Row 4.
Row 11 *K9, P1, K1, P1, K6; rep from * to last 3 sts, K3.
Row 12 K1, P1, K1, *P5, K1, P3, K1, P5, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 13 As Row 1.
Row 14 As Row 2.
Row 15 As Row 1.
Row 16 K1, P1, K1, *P15, K1, P1, K1; rep from * to end.

FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		2-3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-7 yrs	8-9 yrs	10-11 yrs
TO FIT CHEST	cm	53-56	58.8-61	63.5-65.5	67-69	71-73.5
	in	20¾-22	23-24	25-25¾	26½-27¼	28-29
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	59	64.5	70	75.5	81
	in	23¼	25½	27½	29¾	31¾
LENGTH TO SIDE SHOULDER	cm	41	45	49	52	55
	in	16¼	17¾	19¼	20½	21¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	25	30	34	38	42
	in	9¾	11¾	13½	15	16½
YARN		West Yorkshire Spinners Colourlab DK (100g/225m)				
Mustard Yellow (1205)		3	3	4	5	5

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

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



BACK

Cast on 67 (73: 79: 85: 91) sts using 3.25mm needles and longtail/thumb method.
Row 1 (RS) K1, *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS) As Row 1.
These 2 rows set moss stitch.
Work 7 (7: 7: 9 : 9) rows more in moss stitch.

Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a K row, cont in st st until work meas 20 (23: 26: 27: 29) cm, ending after a WS row.

Work 4 rows in moss stitch as before.

Cont as folls:
Next row (RS) K14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 1 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, K14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row P14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 2 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, P14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row K14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 3 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, K14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row P14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 4 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, P14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row K14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 5 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, K14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row P14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 6 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, P14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row K14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 7 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, K14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
Next row P14 (17: 20: 23: 26), work as set on Row 8 of Chart working 18-st rep twice, P14 (17: 20: 23: 26).
These 8 rows set Chart placement on edge stitches.
Beg with Row 9 of Chart and working 16-row Chart rep throughout, cont until work meas 27 (30: 33: 35: 37)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[57 (61: 67: 71: 77) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of the next 3 (3: 5: 5: 5) rows.
[51 (55: 57: 61: 67) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of 2 (2: 1: 1: 1) foll RS rows.
[47 (51: 55: 59: 65) sts]**
Cont without shaping until armhole meas 14 (15: 16: 17: 18)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[39 (43: 45: 49: 51) sts]
Cast off 4 (4: 5: 6: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[31 (35: 35: 37: 37) sts]
Leave these sts on a holder.

FRONT

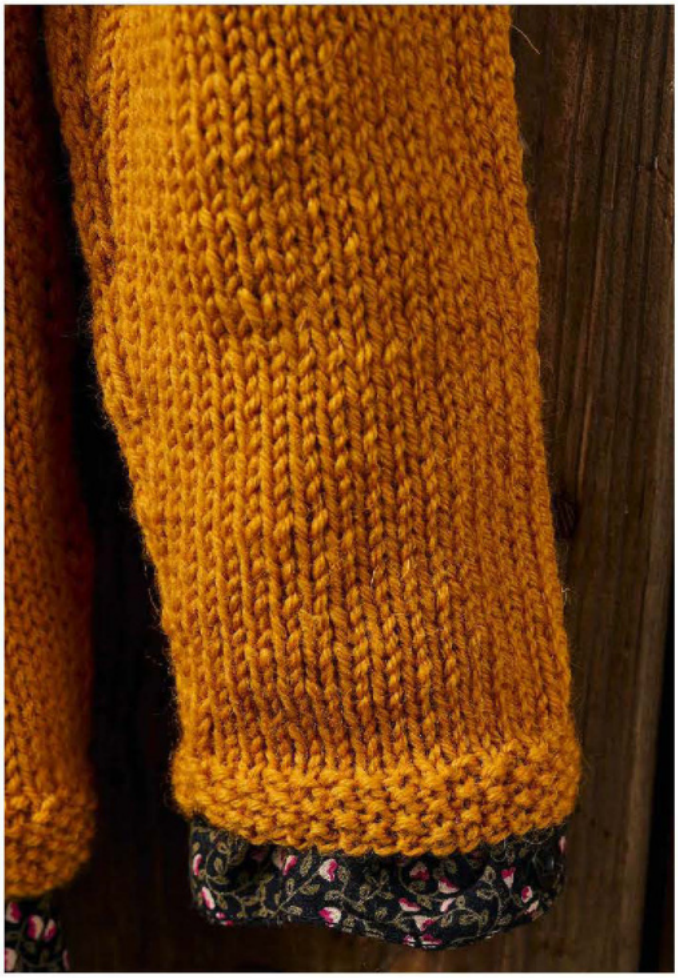
Work as given for Back to **. [47 (51: 55: 59: 65) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole meas 7 (8: 9: 9: 10)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K14 (14: 16: 18: 21), turn and leave rem sts on a holder.
Cont on these sts only for first side of neck.
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 (2: 2: 3: 3) foll RS rows and foll 4th row. [8 (8: 10: 11: 14) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 7) sts, patt to end. [4 (4: 5: 6: 7) sts]
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem sts.



With RS facing, working on rem sts, leave 19 (23: 23: 23: 23) sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end.
Work 1 row.
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 3 rows, then on 2 (2: 2: 3: 3) foll RS rows and foll 4th row. [8 (8: 10: 11: 14) sts]
Cont without shaping until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending after a RS row.

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row Cast off 4 (4: 5: 5: 7) sts, patt to end. [4 (4: 5: 6: 7) sts]
Work 1 row.
Cast off rem sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Cast on 33 (37: 39: 41: 43) sts using 3.25mm needles and thumb or longtail method.
Work 6 rows in moss stitch as set on Back.

Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a K row, working in st st throughout shape Sleeves as folls:
Inc 1 st at each end of 3rd row.
Inc 1 st at each end of every foll 4th (6th: 6th: -: -) row 1 (3: 6: -: -) times and then inc 1 st at each end of every foll 6 (8: 8: 8: 8) row 8 (6: 5: 11: 12) times. [53 (57: 63: 65: 69) sts]

Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 25 (30: 34: 38: 42)cm, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 5 (5: 6: 6: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[43 (47: 51: 51: 55) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of every row 5 (7: 9: 7: 9) times.
[33 (33: 33: 39: 37) sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of every foll RS row 4 (3: 4: 5: 4) times.
[25 (27: 25: 29: 29) sts]

Work 4 (0: 4: 0: 0) rows straight.

Dec 1 st at each end of every foll 4th row 0 (1: 0: 2: 2) times. [25 sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of every foll RS row twice. [21 sts]
Dec 1 st at each end of every row twice. [17 sts]
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows.
Cast off rem 11 sts.

NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam.
With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 13 (13: 15: 15: 17) sts down left side of neck, knit across 19 (23: 23: 23: 23) sts from holder at Front neck, pick up and knit 14 (14: 16: 16: 18) sts up right side of neck and knit across 31 (35: 35: 37: 37) sts on holder at Back neck. [77 (85: 89: 91: 95) sts]

Work 5 (5: 5: 6: 6) rows in moss stitch as set.
Cast off in patt.

MAKING UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Easing fabric to fit sew in Sleeves. Join side and Sleeve seams. Block gently to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band.

STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO DO THE THUMB CAST-ON METHOD



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



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



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



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

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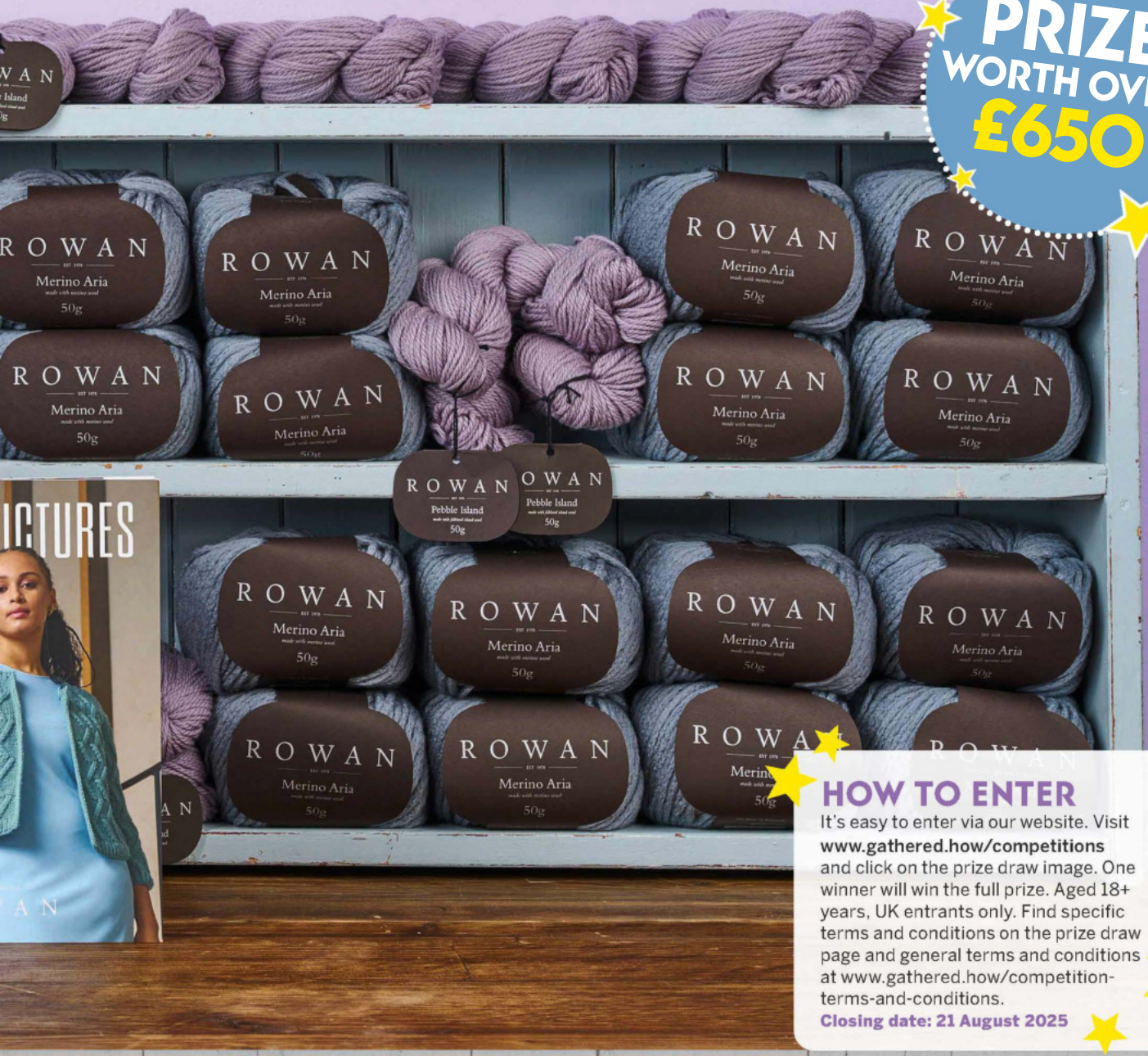
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Book of the month





Cosy, colourful knits inspired by Nordic nature – perfect for outdoor adventures

Discover the vibrant charm of Scandinavian design in this new knitting collection by best-selling Norwegian author Linka Neumann. Featuring 23 colourful, cold-weather garments for the whole family, this book is a must-have for knitters who love the great outdoors.

The beauty of Norway

Drawing inspiration from the raw beauty of Norway's wild north, each pattern showcases motifs like polar bears, the Arctic sun, Hopi dreamcatchers, snowflakes, sled dogs and falling snow – capturing the spirit of winter adventures and the traditions of indigenous cultures. All garments are knitted with Norwegian and Icelandic wool, chosen for its natural ability to repel water and keep out the cold.

Room for personalisation

You'll find 12 adult sweaters and cardigans – with options to customise sleeves, necklines and hoods – available in sizes from S to XXL. For little ones aged 1 to 10, there are six matching children's sweaters, along with three snug beanies and two sets of frost-proof mittens. Every design is tailored for confident knitters, with clear instructions, colourwork charts and helpful advice on sizing and yarn selection to make each project your own.

For warmer adventures

Whether you're hiking in the mountains or strolling closer to home, these timeless pieces are designed to accompany you on every adventure. This English translation brings Linka's latest Norwegian bestseller to a wider audience, offering a fresh and inspiring take on wilderness knitting.

Title: 'Wilderness Knits for the Great Outdoors'
By: Linka Neumann
Publisher: Search Press, £9.99
Available to pre-order. Released 15 July



OCEANBOUND

Bring this relaxed crew to life with smooth raglan shaping and a calm blend of classic colours. By **DROPS**

IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ DROPS Alaska (aran, 100% wool, 50g/70m) ***For yarn quantities and measurements see size table***
- ☐ A 5mm circular needle, 40cm and 80cm long
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle, 40cm and 80cm long
- ☐ 1 set of 5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ 1 set of 4mm DPNs
- ☐ Lockable stitch markers
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

17 sts and 22 rows to measure (4x4in) over st st using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

DS Create a double stitch by slipping the first st purlwise with yarn in front, lifting the yarn up and over the needle pulling the stitch up to create what looks like 2 sts on the needle. Keep the yarn to the back of the work for a knit row and bring the yarn all the way under the needle and back to the front for a purl row.On the next row, knit/purl the DS as 1 stitch

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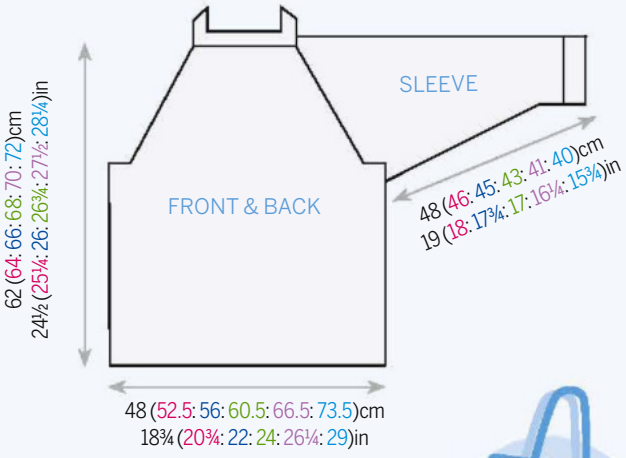
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MEN'S JUMPER

CONSTRUCTION

The neck and yoke are worked in the round using a circular needle, from mid-back and top down. The yoke is divided for body and Sleeves and the body is continued in the round using a circular needle. The Sleeves are worked in the round, using a short circular needle or DPNs. If using magic loop, only a 4mm and 5mm circular needle, 80cm long will be needed.

RAGLAN INCREASES

All increases are made before/after 1 st worked in st st (the marked st). When working from the right side, increase for the body before Markers 1 and 3 and after Markers 2 and 4; when working from the wrong side increase after Markers 1 and 3 and before Markers 2 and 4. Increase for the Sleeves after Markers 1 and 3 and before Markers 2 and 4 (always increase from the right side on the Sleeves). Increase 1 stitch by making 1 yarn over.

On the next row, the yarn overs are worked as follows from the *wrong side*:
Before marker Purl the back loop (stitch twists to the right).
After marker Slip the yarn over onto the right needle, place it back on the left the other way around, purl the front loop (stitch twists to the left).

On the next row, the yarn overs are worked as follows from the *right side*:
Before marker Slip the yarn over onto the right needle knit-wise, place it back on the left the other way around, knit the front loop (stitch twists to the right).
After marker Knit the back loop (stitch twists to the left).

STRIPES

Start the stripes at Marker 1 (so the colour-changes in the stripes are less visible mid-back) and work as follows:



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
TO FIT CHEST	cm	91	99	107	117	127	142
	in	36	38	42	46	50	56
ACTUAL CHEST	cm	95.5	105	112	121	133	147
	in	37½	41¾	44	47¾	52¼	57¾
LENGTH	cm	62	64	66	68	70	72
	in	24½	25¼	26	26¾	27½	28¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	48	46	45	43	41	40
	in	19	18	17¾	17	16¼	15¾
YARN		DROPS Alaska (aran, 50g/70m)					
Yarn A Dark Blue (37)		12	13	14	15	17	18
Yarn B Off White (02)		5	6	6	7	7	8

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

RAGLAN SLEEVE TIP

When knitting raglan Sleeves, it's important to use stitch markers to clearly denote the body and sleeve sections. This helps track increases accurately and ensures symmetrical shaping across all raglan lines, leading to a neater finish for your knitted garment.





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SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

* 5 rounds with Yarn B (approx 2cm), 8 rounds with Yarn A (approx 3.5cm)*, repeat from * to *.

NECKBAND

Cast on 88 (92: 96: 100: 104: 108) sts in Yarn A around both needles 4mm and 5mm circular needles, 40cm long, held together. Remove the 5mm circular needle. This gives a stretchy, elastic cast-on edge. PM and join to work in the round.

Rib Round *K2, P2; rep from * to end.
Rep Rib Round until piece meas 8cm.

Fold the Neckband in half to the inside and knit 1 round working every 4th st together with its corresponding st from the cast-on edge.

Change to 5mm circular needle, 40cm long, switching to 80cm long when sts no longer fit comfortably on the needle.

SET RAGLAN

See note on raglan increases for instructions.
Set-up row K10 (12: 12: 14: 14: 16) sts – half back piece, inc 1 st. insert Marker 1 in next st, K21 – Sleeve, insert Marker 2 in next st, inc 1 st, 21 (23: 25: 27: 29: 31) sts – front piece, in 1 st, insert Marker 3 in next st, knit 21 – Sleeve, insert Marker 4 in next st, inc 1 st, K11



(11: 13: 13: 15: 15) sts – half back piece.
[92 (96: 100: 104: 108: 112) sts]

SHAPE NECKLINE

Row 1 (RS) Knit across row to 3 sts past Marker 2, increasing each side of Marker 1 and Marker 2, turn work. [4 sts inc'd]
Row 2 (WS) DS, purl across row to 3 sts past last marker, increasing each side of all markers, turn work. [8 sts inc'd]
Row 3 DS, knit across row to 2 sts past previous turn, increasing each side of all markers, turn work. [8 sts inc'd]
Row 4 DS, purl across row to 2 sts past previous turn, increasing each side of all markers, turn work. [8 sts inc'd]
Row 5 DS, knit across row to beg of rnd, increasing each side of first 2 mrks. [4 sts inc'd] [124 (128: 132: 136: 140: 144) sts]

YOKE

Return to working in the round, increasing at the raglans as given for the size you are making. Read the whole section and note when the stripes need to begin.

SIZES S, M, L AND XL ONLY

Work in st st and increase for raglan on Body and Sleeves every 2nd round 2 (8: 10: 11: -: -) times. [140 (192: 212: 224: -: -) sts]
AT THE SAME TIME, when the piece meas 13cm from neck edge, work stripes (see stripes note).
Cont with st st, stripes and raglan increases, increasing every 2nd round on the Body 18 (15: 14: 16: -: -) times and every 4th round on the Sleeves 9 (7: 7: 8: -: -) times. [248 (280: 296: 320: -: -) sts]

SIZES XXL AND XXXL ONLY

Work in st st and increase for raglan every round on Body - (-: -: -: 2: 6) times and every 2nd round on the Sleeves - (-: -: -: 1: 3) times. [- (-: -: -: 152: 180) sts] AT THE SAME TIME, when the piece meas 13cm from neck edge, work stripes (see stripes note) and increase for raglan on the Body and Sleeves every 2nd round - (-: -: -: 10: 7) times. [- (-: -: -: 232: 236) sts]
Cont with st st, stripes and raglan increases, increasing every 2nd round on the Body - (-: -: -: 18: 22) times and every 4th round on the Sleeves - (-: -: -: 9: 11) times. [- (-: -: -: 340: 368) sts]

ALL SIZES

Remove raglan markers, keeping beg of rnd marker. Work st st and stripes without further incs until the yoke meas 21 (23: 25: 27: 29: 32)cm, measured mid-front, after the neck band.

SPLIT FOR SLEEVES

Work 37 (42: 43: 48: 51: 58) sts – half back piece, place next 49 (57: 61: 65: 67: 69) sts on a holder for the Sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts , work 75 (83: 87: 95: 103: 115) sts – front piece, place next 49 (57: 61: 65: 67: 69) sts on a holder for the Sleeve, **cast on** 6 (6: 8: 8: 10: 10) sts , work 38 (41: 44: 47: 52: 57) sts – half back piece.
[162 (178: 190: 206: 226: 250) sts]

BODY

Cont working in the round in st st and stripes until piece meas 30 (30: 30: 30: 30: 29)cm from the armhole edge, adjusting to finish after a few rounds with Yarn A before the rib. Break Yarn B, the Body is finished using Yarn A only.

Knit 1 rnd increasing 18 (22: 22: 26: 26: 34) sts evenly spaced across the rnd. [180 (200: 212: 232: 252: 284) sts]

Change to 4mm circular needle, 80cm long.
Work rib rnd as for Neckband for 5cm.
Cast off loosely in rib.





SLEEVES

Place the 49 (57: 61: 65: 67: 69) sts from the holder for one of the Sleeves on 5mm circular needle, 40cm long or 5mm DPNs.
Pick up and knit 1 st in each of the new cast on sts under the Sleeve, placing a marker in the middle of the new sts from the cast on underarm. This denotes beg of rnd. [55 (63: 69: 73: 77: 79) sts]

Cont working in the rnd with st st and stripes. When the Sleeve measures 4cm dec 2 sts under the Sleeve as folls:
Dec round Knit until there are 3 sts left before the marker, k2tog, K1, sl marker, K1, skpo.
Rep dec rnd every 6.5 (4: 3: 2.5: 2: 2)cm for a total of 6 (9: 12: 13: 15: 15) times. [43 (45: 45: 47: 47: 49) sts]

Work until Sleeve meas 43 (41: 40: 38: 36: 35)cm from the armhole edge, adjusting to finish after a few rounds with Yarn A before the rib. Break Yarn B, the Sleeve is finished using Yarn A only.

Change to 4mm DPNs.
Knit 1 rnd increasing 5 (7: 7: 9: 9: 7) sts evenly spaced across the rnd. [48 (52: 52: 56: 56: 56) sts]

Work rib rnd as for Neckband for 5cm.
Cast off loosely in rib.

Work the other Sleeve in the same way.

FINISHING

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

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



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



2 Insert the right-hand needle into the next stitch, and wrap the yarn around the right-hand needle to knit the stitch.



3 This will bring the yarn between the needles to the front, and you can then pull it through the stitch as normal.



4 Slip the stitch off the needle. You will notice that the yarn over forms an extra loop to the right of the stitch you have just worked.



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Our knit-along continues with this pot plant patch and framed picture, or you could save each square for a big blanket finish! By **Siân Brown**

These projects make up Part Three of our KAL, filled with charming, country cottage-inspired squares and loads of fun ideas! Across five fab issues, we'll share creative ways to use your new squares around the home – coming up next: a plant pot cover and a cute picture! Or, if you prefer, stitch the squares as they arrive and save them up to make a gorgeous lap blanket, revealed in Part Five. Don't miss out – join the mystery KAL fun today!





IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

❒Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m)
For all four cushion squares
1 ball of each
Yarn A Mushy Peas (2173)
Yarn C Heather (2184)
Yarn D Purple Smoke (2181)
Yarn G Cinder Rose (2171)
Yarn H Pink Rhubarb (2175)
Yarn J Green Lemon (2188)
Yarn L Milky Tea (2172)
Yarn S Periwinkle (2183)
Yarn T Wild Orchid (2182)
Note To knit these 2 squares you will need less than half a ball. To make the blanket over five issues, you will need these additional yarns:
1 ball of each
Yarn B North Sea (2178)
Yarn E Hint of Lilac (2174)
Yarn F Jade (2177)
Yarn K Blue Sky (2186)
Yarn M Poppy (2170)
Yarn N Leaf (2176)
Yarn P Nigella (2179)
Yarn Q Aquamarine (2187)
Yarn R Tea Green (2189)
Yarn U Mistletoe (2180)
Yarn V Mallard Blue (2185)
❒A pair of 4mm needles
❒20cm picture frame
❒Wadding
❒Plant pot (fabric/cord exterior)
❒Needle and matching thread

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Individual squares
20x20cm (8x8in)

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

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HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

CHART 7 – HEART MOTIF

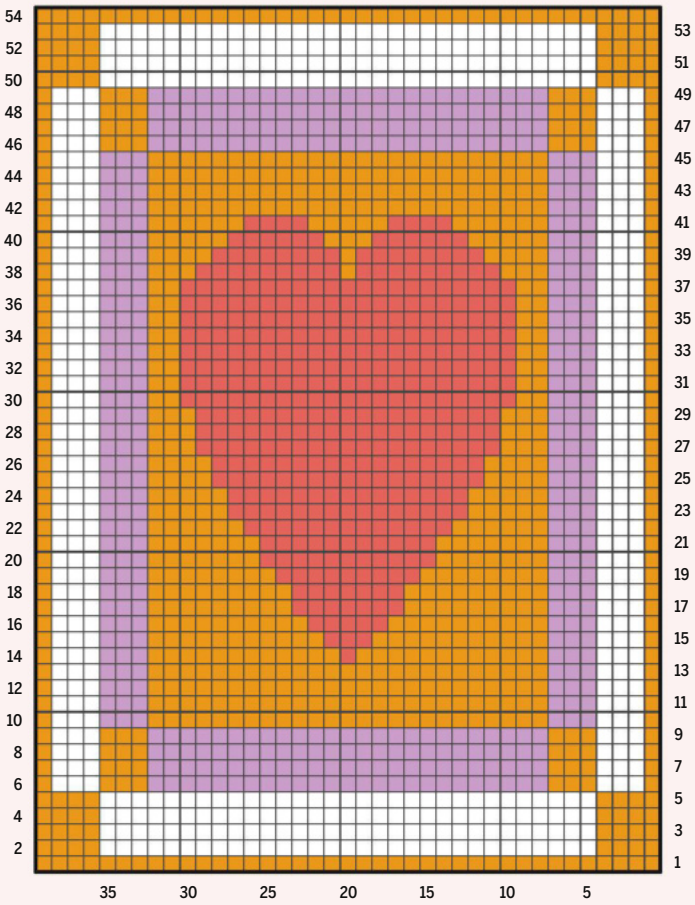
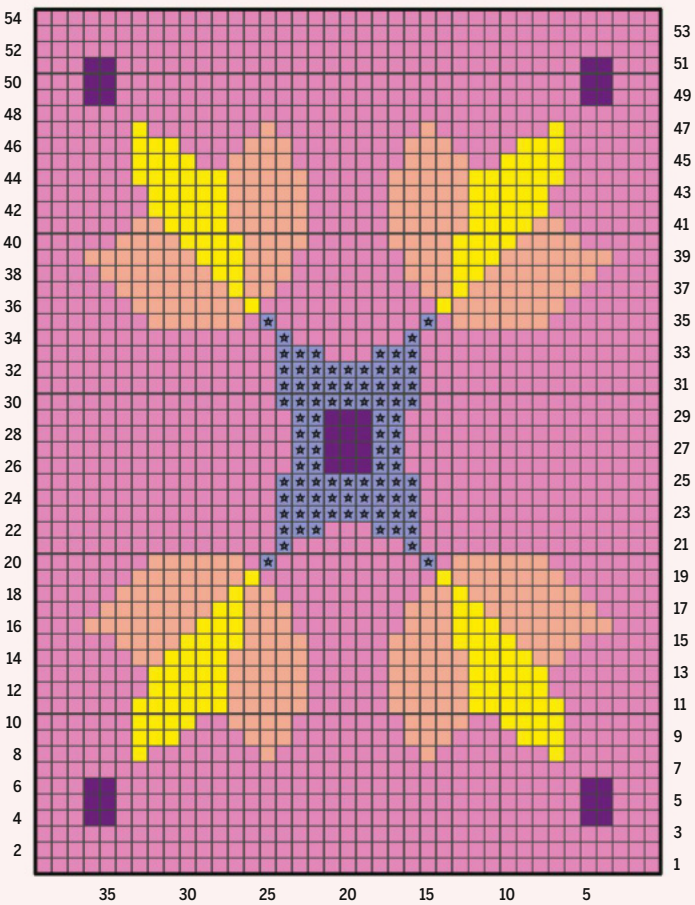


CHART 8 – GEOMETRIC FLOWER



TOP TIPS FOR INTARSIA

Most intarsia projects come with a colourwork chart, even if the design seems simple. Charts are great because they help you visualize colour placement row by row. Use a highlighter or sticky notes to track your progress, and print the chart if needed for easier handling and note-taking while you knit.

KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn G
- Yarn H
- Yarn J
- Yarn L
- Yarn S
- Yarn T
- K on RS; P on WS

CAST ON 2 SQUARES...
...and make this plant pot decoration and framed picture!
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FRAMED PICTURE

SQUARE 7 – HEART MOTIF

(Knit in Yarns A, C, H and L.)
Cast on 45 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn L.
Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 7, K3.
Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 7, K3.
Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 7 have been worked.

Using Yarn L, knit 3 rows.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Cut a piece of wadding to fit the frame aperture and stick it to the backing board of the frame. Secure the knitting in place using double sided tape, then reassemble the frame.

POT PLANT PATCH

SQUARE 8 – GEOMETRIC FLOWERS MOTIF

(Knit in Yarns D, G, J, S and T.)
Cast on 45 sts using 4 mm needles and Yarn T.
Knit 3 rows.

START CHART

Row 1 (RS) K3, knit Row 1 of Chart 8, K3.
Row 2 K3, purl Row 2 of Chart 8, K3.
Rows 3 to 54 Cont as in Rows 1 and 2 until all rows of Chart 8 have been worked.

Using Yarn T, knit 3 rows.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Pin and sew the patch to the front of the plant pot.



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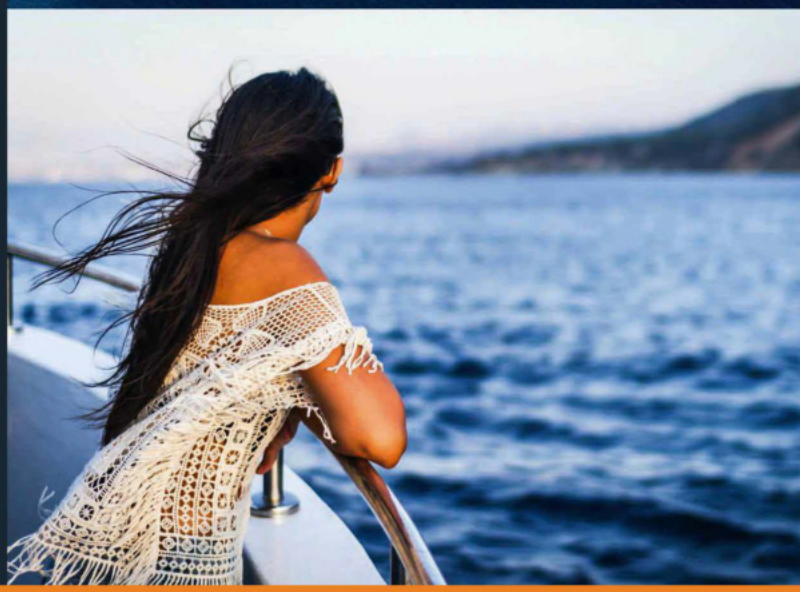
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SEASIDE SUMMER

Capture coastal charm with a bright mobile of beachy knits for sunny summer days. By **Nicola Valiji**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 100g/295m) 1 ball of each
  - **Yarn A** White (1001)
  - **Yarn B** Sherbert (1034)
  - **Yarn C** Spring Green (1316)
  - **Yarn D** Candyfloss (1130)
  - **Yarn E** Black (1002)
  - **Yarn F** Silver (1203)
  - **Yarn G** Shrimp (1132)
  - **Yarn H** Pistachio (1822)
  - **Yarn I** Fondant (1241)
  - **Yarn J** Camel (1420)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Locking stitch markers
- ☐ Wooden mobile
- ☐ Blue striped ribbon 1.5cm wide, 2m length
- ☐ Blue cotton thread and sewing needle
- ☐ Cardboard
- ☐ Toy filling

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to measure 10x 10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Ice Cream 13cm tall (5¼in)
Palm Tree 13cm tall (5¼in)
Surfboard 10cm long (4in)
Caravan 8cm long (3¼in)
Campervan 8cm long (3¼in)
Kite 19cm long (7½in)
Starfish 10cm across (4in)

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"I can't help but think of my childhood summer holidays when I see this lovely mobile design. Each element can be knitted separately and made into toys too!"

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KIDS' MOBILE
ICE CREAM

ICE CREAM MAIN CONE

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn J.
Row 1 and foll WS rows Purl.
Row 2 K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [6 sts]
Row 4 (K1, kfb) 3 times. [9 sts]
Row 6 (K2, kfb) 3 times. [12 sts]
Row 8 (K3, kfb) 3 times. [15 sts]
Row 10 (K4, kfb) 3 times. [18 sts]
Row 12 (K5, kfb) 3 times. [21 sts]
Row 14 (K6, kfb) 3 times. [24 sts]
Row 16 (K7, kfb) 3 times. [27 sts]
Row 18 Knit.
Row 19 (WS, ridge) Knit.
Break Yarn J and join Yarn I.
Rows 20 to 26 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 27 P1, (p2tog) 13 times. [14 sts]
Row 28 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

ICE CREAM SECOND SCOOP

Cast on 26 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Rows 1 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 8 P1, (p2tog) 13 times. [14 sts]
Row 9 (K2tog) 7 times. [7 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

Gather up cast-on sts of Ice Cream Main Cone and join row edges, stuffing as you go. Join row edges of Second Scoop, add stuffing and place over top of Main Cone. Sew around cast-on edge to attach.

PALM TREE

TREE TRUNK

Cast on 15 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn J.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 (ridge) Knit.
Rows 3 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 8 (ridge) Knit.
Rows 9 to 26 Rep rows 3 to 8 three times.
Row 27 Knit.
Row 28 Purl.
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

TRUNK BASE

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn J.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 (K2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

LARGE PALM LEAVES (MAKE 5)

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn H.
Row 1 (K1, P1) twice, K1.
Row 2 K2, P1, K2.
Row 3 to 16 Rep Rows 1 to 2 seven times.
Row 17 Rep Row 1.
Row 18 K2tog, P1, k2tog. [3 sts]
Row 19 Knit.
Row 20 K1, P1, K1.
Row 21 Knit.
Row 22 Sk2po and fasten off.

SMALL PALM LEAVES (MAKE 3)

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn H.
Row 1 (K1, P1) twice, K1.
Row 2 K2, P1, K2.
Rows 3 to 10 Rep Rows 1 to 2 four times.
Row 11 K2tog, P1, k2tog. [3 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 K1, P1, K1.
Row 14 Knit.
Row 15 Sk2po and fasten off.

For Trunk, sew up row edges, stuffing as you go, leaving bottom open. For Trunk Base, gather up cast-on sts and join row edges to form a circle. Place Base at bottom of Trunk and sew around edges. Attach cast-on edges of Large Palm Leaves to top of Trunk; attach Small Palm Leaves over top of Large Palm Leaves to cover Trunk top.

SURFBOARD

SURFBOARD SIDES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) K1, kfb, K1. [4 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [6 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Row 6 Purl.
Rows 7 to 10 Rep Rows 5 to 6 twice. [12 sts]
Rows 11 to 24 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 25 K1, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 26 Purl.
Rows 27 to 30 Rep Rows 25 to 26 twice. [6 sts]
Row 31 Rep Row 25. [4 sts]
Cast off.





FIN

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) K1, (kfb) twice, K1. [6 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K1, kfb, K2, kfb, K1. [8 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Cast off.

LONG STRIPE

Cast on 19 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Cast off.

SHORT STRIPES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 7 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Cast off.

Place Surfboard Sides tog and sew around the pieces, stuffing lightly as you go to form a flat shape. Fold Fin in half to make a triangle shape and sew this to bottom of Surfboard. On the other side, sew Long Stripe along centre of Surfboard from bottom as far





as ¾ of the way up. Sew small Stripes to make a V-shape, meeting top of Long Stripe.

CARAVAN

CARAVAN FLOOR

Cast on 11 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 22 Knit.
Cast off.

CARAVAN SIDES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.
Rows 7 to 11 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 12 P2tog, P14, p2tog. [16 sts]
Row 13 K2tog, K12, k2tog. [14 sts]
Cast off.

CARAVAN BACK, ROOF AND FRONT

Cast on 11 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn B.
Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.
Rows 7 to 36 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.
Rows 37 to 42 Starting on a RS knit row work in st st.
Cast off.

CARAVAN WHEELS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn E.
Row 1 (RS) (Kfb) 4 times. [8 sts]
Rows 2 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Break Yarn E and join Yarn F.
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 (P2tog) 4 times. [4 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CARAVAN DOORS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Rows 1 to 7 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 8 (P2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CARAVAN WINDOWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
Cast off.

CARAVAN CURTAINS (MAKE 4)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Cast off.

CARAVAN PELMETS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 9 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Cast off.

CARAVAN WINDOW BOXES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Cast off.

CARAVAN TOWBAR

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Row 1 Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 Knit.
Cast off.

Sew bottom of each Caravan Side to Floor. Sew Front, Back and Roof piece to side and top of Sides, leaving a gap. Add cardboard inside along Front, Back, and Roof for structure then add stuffing and close gap. Using photos as a guide for placement, sew a Window on each Side, adding a Window Box under each Window and 2 Curtains on each side. Tie a length of Yarn D in a bow around centre of each Curtain. Sew Pelmet above Curtains along top of Window. Sew a Door on each Side, and use Yarn F to embroider a door knob. For Towbar, join cast-on and cast-off edges tog and attach to front of Caravan. For each Wheel, join row edges, gather up cast-on sts and pull tightly. Roll up with Yarn F section at centre to make a tyre shape. Sew each Wheel to Caravan.





CAMPERVAN

CAMPERVAN FLOOR

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Rows 1 to 22 Knit.
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN SIDES (MAKE 2)

Cast on 18 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn G and join Yarn A.
Rows 7 to 11 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 12 P2tog, P14, p2tog. [16 sts]
Row 13 K2tog, K12, k2tog, [14 sts]
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN BACK, ROOF AND FRONT

Cast on 8 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Rows 1 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn B and join Yarn A.
Rows 7 to 36 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Break Yarn A and join Yarn B.
Rows 37 to 42 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN SURFBOARD (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Rows 1 to 12 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 13 K1, k2tog, K1. [3 sts]
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN WHEELS (MAKE 4)

Work as given for Caravan Wheels.

CAMPERVAN WHEEL ARCHES (MAKE 4)

Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN BACK TYRE COVER

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Rows 1 to 3 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 4 (P2tog) 3 times. [3 sts]

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

CAMPERVAN FRONT WINDOWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 5 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
Row 5 K2tog, K1, k2tog. [3 sts]
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN BACK WINDOWS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Rows 1 to 4 Knit.
Row 5 K2, k2tog. [3 sts]
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN WINDSCREEN

Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Rows 1 to 5 Knit.
Row 6 K2tog, K1, k2tog. [4 sts]
Cast off.

CAMPERVAN NUMBERPLATE

Cast on 3 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn F.
Cast off.

Sew bottom of each Campervan Side to Floor. Sew Front, Back and Roof piece to side and top of Sides, leaving a gap. Add cardboard inside along Front, Back and Roof for structure then add stuffing and close gap. Using photos as a guide for placement, sew Windscreen and Numberplate to front, then sew Front Windows and Back Windows to Sides. With Yarn F, embroider a line for the door and a door handle on each Side. Make up Wheels as for Caravan and sew to Campervan. Add a Wheel Arch over the top of each Wheel. Sew Surfboard pieces tog around edges and sew to top of Campervan. With Yarn A, embroider strap over Surfboard. For Tyre Cover, join row edges and gather cast-on sts, stuffing as you go, and sew to back of Campervan.

KITE

KITE SIDE (MAKE 2)

Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Row 1 (Kfb) twice. [4 sts]

Row 2 Purl.
Rows 3 to 6 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 7 K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Rows 8 to 9 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 10 Pfb, purl to last st, pfb. [2 sts inc'd]
Rows 11 to 12 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 13 Rep Row 7. [10 sts]
Rows 14 to 15 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 16 Rep Row 10. [12 sts]
Rows 17 to 18 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 19 Rep Row 7. [14 sts]
Break Yarn G and join Yarn C.
Row 20 Purl.
Row 21 Knit.
Break Yarn C and join Yarn B.
Row 22 P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 23 K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. [2 sts dec'd]
Rows 24 to 26 Rep rows 22 to 23, then rep Row 22 once more. [4 sts]
Row 29 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Cast off.

KITE LARGE BOW
Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Cast off.

KITE TAIL
Cast on 20 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Row 1 Knit.
Cast off.

KITE TAIL BOWS (MAKE 2 EACH WITH YARNS B AND C)
Cast on 6 sts using 4mm needles.
Cast off.

Place Kite Sides tog and sew all around edges. Using photo as a guide, fold Large Bow to form a bow shape, secure at centre and sew to Yarn B stripe on Kite. Sew Tail to bottom of Kite. Sew Tail Bows to Tail, gathering up centre of each piece to make a bow shape.

STARFISH LEGS (MAKE 5)
Cast on 2 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn G.
Row 1 (Kfb) twice. [4 sts]
Rows 2 to 14 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st, marking each end of Row 12.
Row 15 (K2tog) twice. [2 sts]
Cast off.
Sew cast-off edges tog at centre, then sew row edges of adjacent Legs tog as far as each pair of markers.

MAKING UP MOBILE
Attach a length of ribbon to each finished piece, thread other end of ribbon through loop on Mobile frame and sew to secure. Make a ribbon hanging loop, thread through top ring of Mobile frame and sew into place.

NEXT MONTH
You're going to love what's coming in the next Simply Knitting mag! Amanda Berry's dress-up mermaid doll pattern comes complete with gorgeous outfits to mix and match. Issue 267 is on sale in all good newsagents and supermarkets from 7 August 2025.





Lend a hand

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

TURN to page 20 for great reader stories!

Charity of the MONTH

We spoke to Amanda Berry, Head of Equine Operations at HAPPA, about their work



Charity name HAPPA (Horses And Ponies Protection Association)

Job title Head of Equine Operations

Established 1937

What does HAPPA do? HAPPA strive to give a second chance to equines through rescue, rehabilitation, rehoming and education. The Charity's Equine Inspectors investigate cruelty and neglect in over 18 counties across the north of England. Rescued equines are restored to health at the Charity's Shores Hey Farm based in Burnley, Lancashire. The Charity rehomes equines who have completed their rehabilitation through a legally binding loan scheme, securing the future welfare of every HAPPA equine as they can always return to Shores Hey Farm. The Charity prides itself on its education, offering advice and support for equine owners, the public and the next generation of equine owners through clinics, demonstrations, clubs and training.

What can readers do to help? Raise awareness, fundraise, sponsor a horse or visit Shores Hey Farm, (which is open to the public daily), visit the onsite gift and equestrian shop, play in the Activity Room or outdoor playground and enjoy a moment at The HAPPA Café. Early this year we were involved in the rescue of a pony we named Juliet. Sadly, Juliet had been left to fend for herself with an untreated infected eye. She was extremely scared and eventually lost sight in that eye. Poor Juliet was in desperate need of worming, farrier attention to her hooves and healthy diet to improve her weight. Juliet will be joining the Charity's Sponsorship Scheme and readers can support Juliet or any of her friends at www.happa.org.uk/sponsor-a-happa-horse.

Contact details
Email enquiries@happa.org.uk, call 01282 455992 or visit www.happa.org.uk for more information.



HAPPA Horses and Ponies Protection Association

Help a horse, like Juliet, through HAPPA

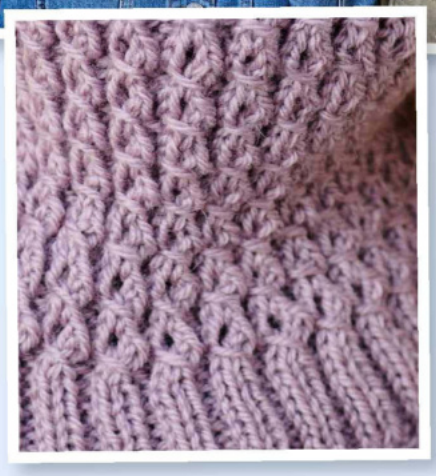
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Cable cowl

We love

Get ready to knit in bulk and raise money for charity with **Kirstie McLeod**'s soft accessory knit





YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ West Yorkshire Spinners The Croft Aran (100% Shetland Islands wool, 100g/166m) 1 skein of Moarfield (1147)
- ☐ A 5mm circular needle, 40cm long
- ☐ Stitch marker

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference 55cm (21¾in)
Depth 19cm (7½in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

COWL

Cast on 160 sts using a 5mm circular needle, 40cm long, and join to work in the round, taking care not to twist sts. PM to mark beg of round.
Round 1 (K2, P2) to end of round.
Rep Round 1 seven more times.
Round 2 *Yo, K2, slip the yo over the knit sts, P2; rep from * to end of round.
Round 3 (K2, P2) to end of round.
Round 4 *Yo, K2, P2; rep from * to end of round.
Round 5 (K3, P2) to end of round.
Round 6 *Sl1, K2, pass the slipped st over the knit sts, P2; rep from * to end of round.
Rep Rounds 3 to 6 six more times.
Next round (K2, P2) to end of round.
Repeat last round nine more times.
Cast off in patt.

FINISHING

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

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



BLUE HARMONY

This blue-and-white mosaic stitch T-shirt is finished with sweet buttons at the neckline. By **Siân Brown**

TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ King Cole Cotton Top DK (DK, 78% acrylic, 22% cotton, 100g/260m)
  For yarn quantities and measurements see size table
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 3 x 15mm buttons
- ☐ Stitch holders
- ☐ Safety pins

TENSION

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

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
TO FIT BUST	cm	82-86	92-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	88.5	98.5	109	119.5	130	140.5	151	161.5
	in	34¾	38¾	43	47	51¼	55¼	59½	63½
LENGTH	cm	53.5	54	56	57	59	60	62	62.5
	in	21	21¼	22	22½	23¼	23½	24¼	24¾
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
	in	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
YARN		**King Cole Cotton Top DK (100g/260m)**							
Yarn A White (4215)		2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4
Yarn B Blue (4218)		2	2	3	3	3	4	4	5

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

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

☐ **SMD Knitting**
0800 622 6225 or
www.knittingwool.com

☐ **Sew Pro Crafts**
01473 830371 or
www.sewprocrafts.co.uk



"Mosaic stitch is created by slipping stitches from the previous row without working them. Always slip purlwise with the yarn in the correct position for the right results."

KIRSTIE MCLEOD, EDITOR

MOSAIC T-SHIRT

BACK

Cast on 102 (114: 126: 138: 150: 162: 174: 186) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Rib Row 1 (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib Row 2 (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Rep Rib Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times, increasing 1 st in the centre of the last row. [103 (115: 127: 139: 151: 163: 175: 187) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.
You will now work in pattern, using a 2-row stripe sequence (2 rows in Yarn B, 2 rows in Yarn A) throughout.
Row 1 K5, *sl1, K7, sl1, K3; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 2 P5, *sl1, P7, sl1, P3; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.
Row 3 K6, *sl1, K5; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 4 P6, *sl1, P5; rep from * to last st, P1.



Row 5 K7, *sl1, K3, sl1 K7; rep from * to end.
Row 6 P7, *sl1, P3, sl1, P7; rep from * end.
Row 7 K3, sl1, K4, sl1, K1, sl1, *(K4, sl1) twice, K1, sl1; rep from * to last 8 sts, K4, sl1, K3.
Row 8 P3, sl1, P4, sl1, P1, sl1, *(P4, sl1) twice, P1, sl1; rep from * to last 8 sts, P4, sl1, P3.
Row 9 K1, (K1, sl1) twice, *(K4, sl1) twice, K1, sl1; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.
Row 10 P1, (P1, sl1) twice, *(P4, sl1) twice, P1, sl1; rep from * to last 2 sts, P2.
Cont in pattern until Back measures 29 (29: 30: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLES

Cast off 4 (6: 8: 10: 12: 14: 16: 18) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[95 (103: 111: 119: 127: 135: 143: 151) sts]
Next row Cast off 2 sts, patt to last 2 sts, skpo. [3 sts dec'd]
Next row Cast off 2 sts, patt to last 2 sts, p2tog. [3 sts dec'd]
Rep the last 2 rows another 0 (1: 2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 7) times.
[89 (91: 93: 95: 97: 99: 101: 103) sts]**
Next row K1, skpo, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 24 times.
[39 (41: 43: 45: 47: 49: 51: 53) sts]
Leave these sts on a holder.



FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.

LEFT FRONT

Next row (RS) K1, skpo, patt 39 (40: 41: 42: 43: 44: 45: 46), turn and work on these 41 (42: 43: 44: 45: 46: 47: 48) sts.
Next row Patt to end.
Next row K1, skpo, patt to end. [1 st dec'd]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 15 times.
[25 (26: 27: 28: 29: 30: 31: 32) sts]

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row K1, skpo, patt 13, skpo, turn and work on these 16 sts, leaving rem 7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts on a holder.
Next row Patt to end.
Next row K1, skpo, patt to last 2 sts, skpo. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 6 times. [2 sts]
Leave these sts on a safety pin.

RIGHT FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 47 (48: 49: 50: 51: 52: 53: 54) Front sts.
Next row (RS) **Cast off** 5 sts, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
[41 (42: 43: 44: 45: 46: 47: 48) sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.
Next row Patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 15 times.
[25 (26: 27: 28: 29: 30: 31: 32) sts]

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) Using Yarn B, K7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts, leave these sts on a holder, k2tog, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [16 sts]
Next row (WS) Patt to end.
Next row K2tog, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Next row Patt to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 6 times. [2 sts]
Leave these sts on a safety pin.

SLEEVES

Cast on 58 (62: 70: 74: 82: 86: 94: 98) sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.
Rib Row 1 K2, (P2, K2) to end.
Rib Row 2 P2, (K2, P2) to end.
Rep Rib Rows 1 and 2 another 3 times, increasing 1 st in the centre of the last row. [59 (63: 71: 75: 83: 87: 95: 99) sts]

Change to 4mm needles.
Beg with a RS K row, work 6 rows in st st.
Inc row (RS) K3, M1, K to last 3 sts, M1, K3. [2 sts inc'd]
Rep the Inc row every 8th row another 3 times.
[67 (71: 79: 83: 91: 95: 103: 107) sts]
Cont without shaping until Sleeve measures 15cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Cast off 4 (6: 8: 10: 12: 14: 16: 18) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[59 (59: 63: 63: 67: 67: 71: 71) sts]
Dec row K2, skpo, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]
Work 3 rows in st st.
Rep the last 4 rows another 7 (8: 8: 9: 9: 10: 10: 11) times.
[43 (41: 45: 43: 47: 45: 49: 47) sts]
Next row K2, skpo, K to last 4 sts, k2tog, K2. [2 sts dec'd]





Next row P to end.
Rep the last 2 rows another 9 (8: 9: 8: 9: 8: 9: 8) times.
[23 (23: 25: 25: 27: 27: 29: 29) sts]
Leave these sts on a holder.

NECKBAND

Work across right side of Front, right Sleeve, Back, left Sleeve, left side of Front.
With RS facing using 3.25mm needles, and Yarn B, K7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts from right Front holder, pick up and K12 sts up right side of neck, skpo, k2tog, K19 (19: 21: 21: 23: 23: 25: 25), skpo, k2tog, K35 (37: 39: 41: 43: 45: 47: 49), skpo, k2tog, K19 (19: 21: 21: 23: 23: 25: 25), skpo, k2tog, pick up and K13 sts down left side of front neck, K7 (8: 9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14) sts from left Front holder.
[120 (124: 132: 136: 144: 148: 156: 160) sts]
Row 1 (WS) P3, (K2, P2) to last 5 sts, K2, P3.
Row 2 (RS) K3, (P2, K2) to last 5 sts, P2, K3.
Rep last 2 rows once more, then Row 1 again.
Cast off in rib.

BUTTON BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit 32 sts evenly along left Front edge.
Row 1 (WS) K1, (P2, K2) to last 3 sts, P2, K1.
Row 2 (RS) K3, (P2, K2) to last 5 sts, P2, K3.
Rep the last 2 rows twice more, then Row 1 again.
Cast off in rib.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B, pick up and knit 32 sts evenly along right Front edge.
Work Rows 1 and 2 as for Button Band, then work Row 1 again.
Buttonhole row (RS) Rib 7, rib2tog, yo, (rib 8, rib2tog, yo) twice, rib 3.
Work 3 more rows in rib as set.
Cast off in rib.

MAKING UP

Lap the Buttonhole Band over the Button Band and stitch in place. Beginning at neck edge, join the raglan seams. Join the side and Sleeve seams. Sew on the buttons.

NEXT MONTH

Pat Menchini's swing cardigan makes an entrance next issue. With it's button-free opening it's the perfect combination for loose summer tops and brightens everything it's paired with! Issue 267 is on sale on 7 August and available at all good supermarkets and newsagents

HONEY, I'M HOME

Sweeten your space with a snug Fair Isle cushion featuring delightful bees and traditional colourwork. By **Mary Henderson**





TAKE ON A CHALLENGE

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Cascade Yarns 128 Superwash (100% superwash Merino wool, 100g/117m)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn A Bitter Chocolate (872)
  Yarn B Cerise (1964)
  Yarn C Moss (841)
  Yarn E Daffodil (821)
  Yarn F Jet (1913)
  Yarn G Smoke (214)
  2 balls of each
  Yarn D Tuffet (247)
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ Stitch markers
- ☐ A 6mm circular needle, 80cm long
- ☐ Lockable stitch marker
- ☐ 2.5mm crochet hook to weave in ends
- ☐ 5 flower buttons
- ☐ 4 bee buttons (optional)
- ☐ Cushion pad, 46x46cm (18x18in)

TENSION

15 sts and 18 rounds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stranded stocking stitch using 6mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

46cm (18in) square

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

WHERE TO BUY

- ☐ **For yarn stockists visit www.cascadeyarns.com**

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **Wool Warehouse**
  0800 505 3300 or
  www.woolwarehouse.co.uk
- ☐ **Laughing Hens**
  01829 740903 or
  www.laughinghens.com



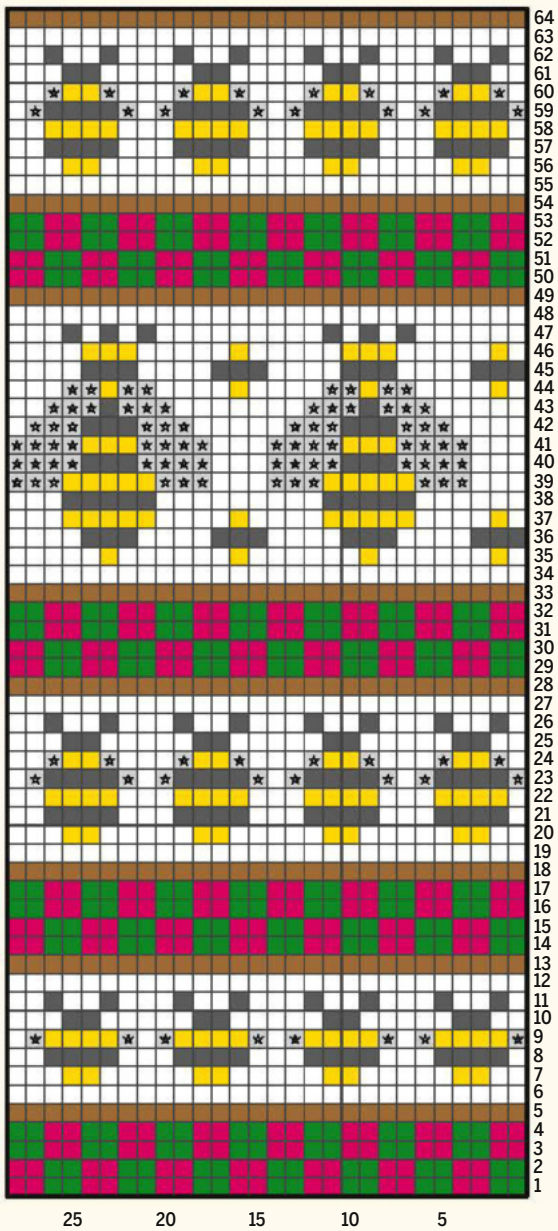
KEY

- Knit
- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F
- K in Yarn D, duplicate stitch in Yarn G

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

CHART



"Our obsession with everything bee-like is still strong. From homewares to jewellery, these easily identifiable botanical motifs are sure to stand the test of time."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

BEE CUSHION

Notes The cushion is knitted in the round using the colourwork technique. Just two colours in a round. Strand the colour not in use. Keep your tension loose. Carry colours not in use up the side, catching strands with the working colours at the beg of every other round. The bees' wings are embroidered after knitting is complete. Knit these stitches in Yarn D when working the Chart then add duplicate stitch using a single strand of Yarn G after blocking.

CUSHION

Cast on 140 sts using 6mm circular needle and Yarn A.
Knit 2 rows.
Place lockable stitch marker, join to work in the round.

WORK CHART

Work Rounds 1 to 64 of Chart, then rep only Rounds 1 to 18 once more.

DIVIDE FOR BUTTON BANDS

Change to 4.5mm needles and Yarn A.
Turn work to WS and begin working back and forth in rows.
Next row (WS) With Yarn A, K140.



BUTTON BAND
Change to Yarn C.
Next row (RS) With Yarn C, K70, turn, leaving rem 70 sts on hold for Buttonhole Band.

SET MOSS STITCH
Row 1 (WS) *K1, P1; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (RS) *P1, K1; rep from * to end.
These 2 rows set Moss st.
Work 4 more rows in moss st.
Next row (WS) Knit.
Cast off.

BUTTONHOLE BAND
With RS facing, 4.5mm needles and Yarn B, K70 held sts.
Work 3 rows in moss st as set on Button Band.
Buttonhole row (RS) Patt 6 sts, *yo, k2tog, patt 12 sts; rep from * 3 more times, patt to end.
Work 2 further rows in moss st patt.
Knit 1 row.
Cast off.

MAKING UP
Turn cushion inside out. Block cushion by steaming lightly as follows: cover with a damp tea towel and lightly iron. Allow to dry. Turn RS out.

Unravel Yarn G in 60cm lengths to separate the ply strands as follows: hold up and gently pull apart, allowing the yarn to spin. Thread a tapestry needle with a single strand of Yarn G and follow the Chart duplicating the grey knit stitches as on Chart marked with an star to embroider the bee's wings.

Join the bottom edge of the cushion using Yarn A and mattress stitch.

Overlap Buttonhole Band over Button Band and stitch edges. Sew flower buttons on Button Band to match buttonholes. Sew bee buttons on Buttonhole Band between buttonholes (optional). Insert cushion pad.



WEST YORKSHIRE SPINNERS
WOOL REVIVAL DK

Wool Revival is a 100% recycled blend of British wool and nylon, offering softness, strength, and excellent stitch definition. The wool gives bounce and warmth, while nylon adds durability – perfect for socks and everyday knits. The fibre is reclaimed from mill waste, reprocessed into sliver, spun, dyed and balled – all within 10 miles of the WYS mill, keeping the footprint low.

RRP £5.50 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/225m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 80% recycled British wool, 20% recycled nylon **CARE** Machine wash 30°C Dry Flat
www.wyspinners.com



KING COLE
LUXURY YAK DK

King Cole has partnered with Himalayan herders to create a luxurious blend of Merino wool and yak fibres. The result is a soft, breathable and warm yarn – perfect for year-round knits. The range has 12 bold shades that stand out on their own or combine beautifully in vibrant Fair Isle designs. Jenny Watson has also created a pattern book filled with elegant pattern to showcase the yarn.

RRP £10.99 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 50g/100m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 85% Merino wool, 15% yak wool **CARE** Machine wash 30°C Dry Flat
www.kingcole.com



STYLECRAFT
COLOUR BURST DK

Colour Burst is a beautiful self-striping yarn that combines gentle stripes with colourful flecks, adding a unique, personal touch to every project. Available in six contemporary colourways, it's perfect for refreshing your knitwear. The easy-care blend makes it a great choice for baby knits, kids' garments, and everyday pieces. For inspo, browse the pattern ideas on Stylecraft's website.

RRP £3.49 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/320m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 80% acrylic, 20% polyamide **CARE** Machine wash at 30, cool tumble dry, cool iron
www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

Double knit gems

Discover vibrant DK yarns with unique colour twists, fabulous eco credentials and cosy yak blends to inspire your creativity



RICO CREATIVE
PAINTED POWER COTTON DK

Soft, stylish and effortlessly beautiful, Painted Power Cotton is a light, brushed summer yarn with stripes that gently blend into a subtle ombré effect. With 300 meters per ball and a lovely drape, it's perfect for making stunning cardigans and shawls that will always flow beautifully.

RRP £7.90 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/300m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 59% cotton, 26% acrylic, 8% wool, 7% nylon polyamide **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.rico.com



LAXTONS
WOOLTRACE DK

Laxtons say Wooltrace DK is a yarn with a mission – to support the ongoing sustainability of British farming, fair pay for sheep farmers and ensuring the welfare of their flocks. There are 16 shades to choose from, in cool to warm shades, for those Fair Isle knits. Check out the QR code on the label to trace the yarn back to the farm.

RRP £15.95 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/225m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% British wool **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.bylaxtons.co.uk



SCHEEPJES
WOOLWISE

Scheepjes Woolwise is a soft, smooth DK yarn perfect for wearing next to skin. The knitted fabric has great stitch definition, so will show your cable and lace knits off a treat. Woolwise is an easy-care yarn so you can machine wash it at 30°C with no shrinking or felting. Turn your wardrobe into a rainbow with its 60 shades!

RRP £11.15 **WEIGHT** DK **BALL** 100g/200m **NEEDLE** 4mm **CONTENT** 100% reccycled superwash Merino wool **CARE** Machine wash 30°C, dry flat
www.scheepjes.com

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Knitting Know-how

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Rosee Woodland
Designer and Technical Editor
Design pro and technical knitting expert, Rosee, shares her crafting insights this issue.



Kirstie McLeod
Editor
Sock fanatic and all-round crafty expert, Kirstie enjoys designing and creating lace, cables and more.

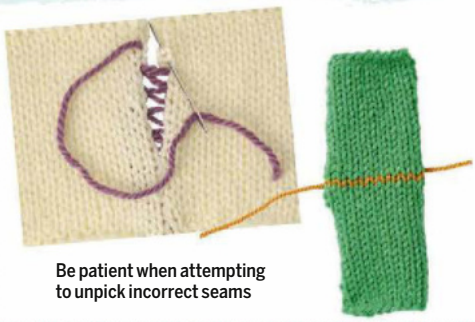


Cory Sydee
Technical Editor
Top expert and knitting super-fan, Cory likes to delve into the toughest of knitting conundrums.



Jen Bartlett
Technical Editor
Stitch expert and technical whizz, Jen tackles the trickiest of knitting problems with ease.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH



Be patient when attempting to unpick incorrect seams

PATIENT UNPICKING

Q How do I unpick an incorrect seam?
Marley Burgess

Unpicking a sewn seam or hem can be quite tricky and fiddly; you can't just pull the yarn, you need to undo all the movements you made to create the seam in the first place, if you went under a stitch you need to go back under that stitch in reverse. It's a slow process and there is no shortcut, but here are a couple of tips to make the process easier. **1** Stretch open the seam, opening up the stitches to see where the yarn weaves as you unpick, it makes it easier. **2** Use a blunt (preferably plastic) needle to pick the strand out as you unravel, this helps reduce splitting and tearing the yarn or surrounding fabric. **3** If the yarn is sticking to itself, like with a mohair, you can try putting it in a plastic bag in the freezer for a couple of hours. This 'calms down' the fibres so they are less sticky, you may need to repeat the process if the yarn warms up. Unfortunately, there isn't really a way that's both safe and easy – so put on a good audiobook and settle in for a long session. **Cory**

GETTING ORGANISED

Q Help! How do I organise my yarns?
Hayley D

This is down to personal preference and also depends on the space and how much yarn you have. That being said, here's some things to consider. Do you want your yarn to be on display on bookshelves so you can see what you have? Do you want baskets or boxes to be able to organise your yarn by weight or fibre or project idea? Do you need to consider keeping your yarn clean and protected from moths? If you want it on display but kept away, maybe you have a unit with glass doors so you can keep everything covered but still visible. Maybe you want to keep things hidden away and stackable boxes are what you need. If you have lots of different types of yarns you might want a box of cotton and linen yarns for summer garments, a box of wool blends for winter garments, and a box of sock yarns for socks. It all depends on what you have and need. There is no one best way and finding what works for you can take some trial and error. But you can always change the way you organise it over time.
Kirstie



Buy a storage unit if your yarn stash is extensive



Boxes and baskets are popular storage methods



GUEST EXPERT

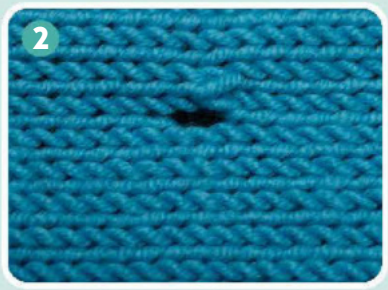
IMPROVE YOUR EYELET BUTTONHOLES

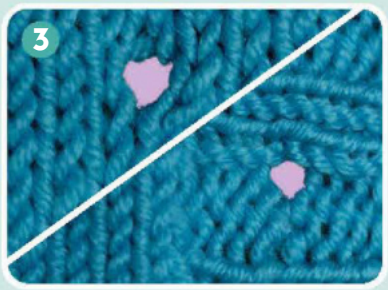
Expert knitter **Rosee Woodland** explains how you can turn loose, messy buttonholes into fastenings to be proud of!

SIMPLE EYELET BUTTONHOLE

An eyelet buttonhole is the most commonly used buttonhole. It creates a small hole, with a soft edge. This makes it very stretchy, so if working it in your garment, ensure that the buttons you select are a fair amount larger than the hole or they will slip out easily. Due to the lack of a firm edge, the simple eyelet buttonhole method is best suited to lighter yarns and smaller needles. In anything over a DK-weight yarn it can be tricky to make it look neat. Your yarn should ideally have some elasticity as it will need to 'bounce back' from being stretched, so avoid using this technique for yarns with a high cotton, silk, alpaca or cashmere content.







1 Work a simple eyelet buttonhole, on the right side of the fabric as follows: *k2tog, yo; rep from * for every buttonhole, working in pattern in between as directed. If working this buttonhole in reverse stocking stitch, *p2tog, yo; rep from * for every buttonhole, working in pattern in between as directed. If the yarnover is too large and appears baggy, work it through the back of the loop.

IMPROVED SIMPLE EYELET BUTTONHOLE

2 Work as before, but this time, work *k2tog tbl, yo; for each buttonhole. This will create a slightly tighter edge on the decrease side of the buttonhole. This buttonhole is suitable for similar projects to those you would work with a simple eyelet buttonhole, but because the decreased stitches are twisted, it will be very slightly tighter.



TIGHTER SIMPLE EYELET BUTTONHOLE

3 To make your buttonhole even smaller and neater, use a removable stitch marker or safety pin to loop around the yarn immediately after the k2tog or p2tog.
4 Do NOT make a yarnover.
5 On the next row you are knitting, use the stitch marker to lift the yarn onto your needle, and work it as if you are knitting a yarnover.





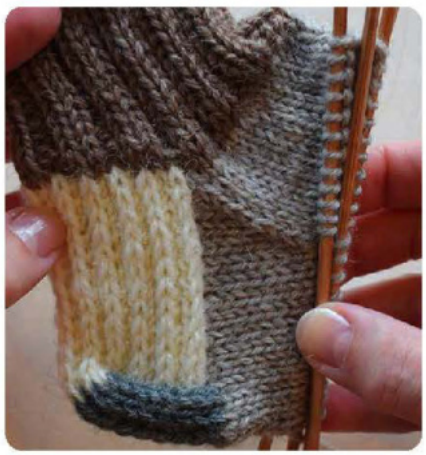
SHORT ROW SUCCESS

Q I'm not a fan of wrap and turn short rows. Is it easy to substitute in German short rows instead?
Zeena Burns

It is fairly easy to substitute in German short rows. Without getting into too much detail of both short-row techniques, wrap and turn (w&t) short rows work to a point, wrap the next stitch, then turn the piece and work back across the row. German short rows work to a point, turn the piece, then create a double stitch (DS) and work back across the row. The main difference is where the turn happens – w&t happens after the stitches worked and DS is created within the stitches worked. If you are substituting the technique, the stitch counts need to change slightly. If the pattern says: knit to last 3 sts, w&t, this will change to knit to last 2 sts, turn work, DS. This way the turn stitch happens on the same stitch. You may not want to substitute w&t short rows when working in garter stitch as they are well hidden in the fabric. Also when working a short-row heel where the turns are stacked and the same stitch is worked twice, w&t works best. **Jen**



You can substitute German short rows for short rows with relative ease



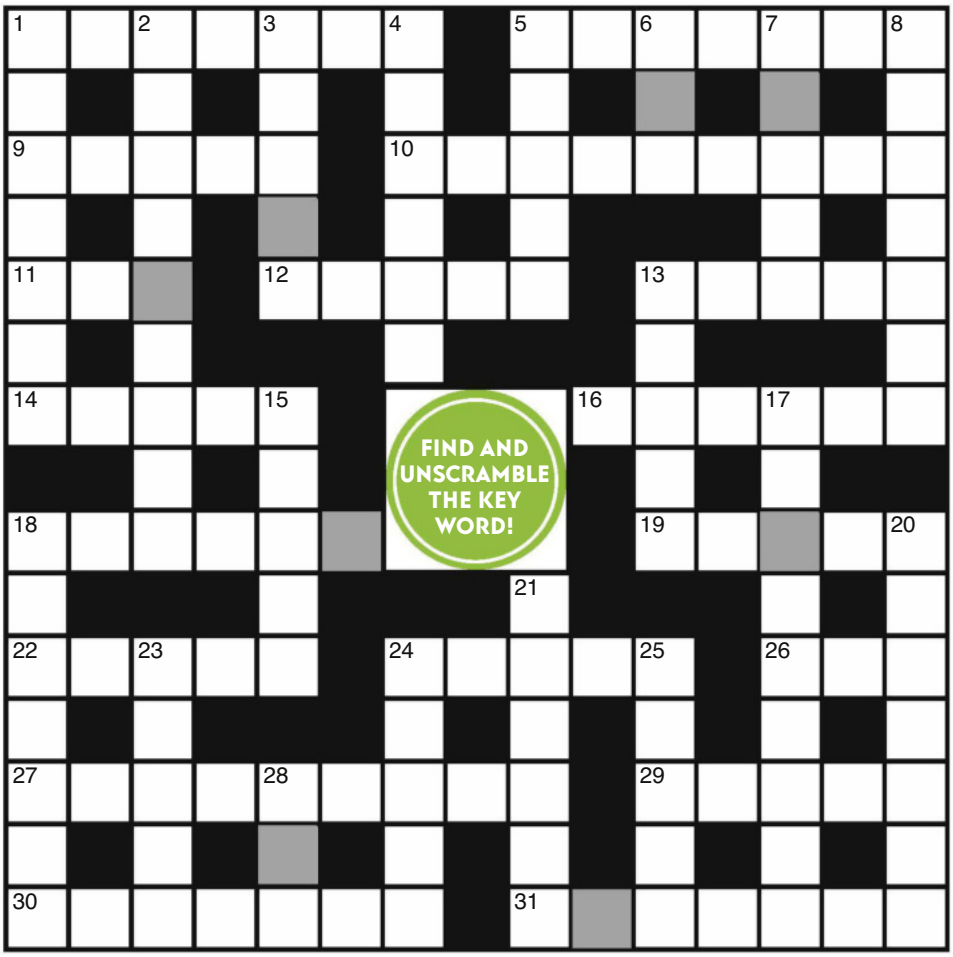


TAKE A BREAK

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

CATCH UP WITH OUR READER KNITS AND STORIES over on page 20

CHILL OUT WITH A CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Slightly hungry (7)
5 Take knitting apart by removing stitches (7)
9 Give a formal speech (5)
10 Party after a wedding (9)
11 Edge of the mouth (3)
12 Agreement to stop fighting (5)
13 Main idea or topic (5)
14 Supernatural power or trick (5)
16 Cricket target (6)
18 UK school exam, taken at 18 (1,5)
19 Spring flower with a bulb (5)
22 Bright blue colour (5)
24 Knitter's collection of unused yarn (5)
26 Vehicle safety test (1,1,1)
27 Practice before a performance (9)
29 Coffee with steamed milk (5)
30 Classic gin cocktail (7)
31 Nunnery (7)

DOWN

1 Dilemma (7)
2 Sparkling wine from France (9)
3 Clumsy or unskilled (5)
4 Short of money (4,2)
5 Father's brother? (5)
6 Tear (3)
7 *The* ---, TV singing talent show (5)
8 Not strict or harsh (7)
13 Direction the yarn is spun (5)
15 Largest Greek island (5)
17 Unit of length equal to 1,000 meters (9)
18 Word formed by rearranging letters (7)
20 Person receiving medical care (7)
21 Strong-smelling cooking ingredient (6)
23 Person who shows people to their seats (5)
24 Japanese rice and raw fish dish (5)
25 --- Mirren, British actress (5)
28 Famous boxer, Muhammad --- (3)

IT'S SUDOKU TIME!

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Knitting Riddle

No tool, no yarn, and yet I'm key,
A thing you check obsessively.
Without me, sleeves may fall askew—
You could call me your paper clue

What am I?

Key word LOLLIPOP **WHAT AM I?** A PATTERN

Across 1 Peckish, 5 Unravel, 9 Orate, 10 Reception, 11 Lip, 12 Truce, 13 Theme, 14 Magic, 16 Wicket, 18 A level, 19 Tulip, 22 Azure, 24 Stash, 26 MOT, 27 Rehearsal, 29 Latte, 30 Martini, 31 Convent. **Down** 1 Problem, 2 Champagne, 3 Inept, 4 Hard up, 5 Uncle, 6 Rip, 7 Voice, 8 Lenient, 13 Twist, 15 Crete, 17 Kilometre, 18 Anagram, 20 Patient, 21 Garlic, 23 Usher, 24 Sushi, 25 Helen, 28 Ali.

ISSUE 266 SOLUTIONS

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6	2	9	4	5	7	8	1	3

PURR-FECT PAIR

Knit an adorable boy and girl kitten set with sweet details and plenty of personality. By **Claire Fairall**

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IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Stylecraft Special DK (100% acrylic, 295m/100g) 1 ball of each
  Yarn A Cream (1005)
  Yarn B Saffron (1081)
  Yarn C Powder Pink (1843)
  Yarn D Lincoln (1834)
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ 2 stitch markers
- ☐ Toy stuffing
- ☐ 4 buttons, 15mm diameter
- ☐ 4 black toy safety eyes, 12mm diameter
- ☐ Black scrap yarn

TENSION

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

MEASUREMENTS

30cm tall (12in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79

SHOP SMART SHOP LOCAL!
Turn to page 70

WHERE TO BUY

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

OR YOU COULD TRY...

- ☐ **Lovecrafts** 01409 404010 or www.lovecrafts.com
- ☐ **The Knitters Attic** 01394 547077 or www.theknittersattic.co.uk



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

CAT DOLLS

KITTEN HEAD, BODY AND LEGS (MAKE 2)

Start at the top of the head.
Cast on 8 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 [RS] *Kfb, rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 *K1, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 4 Purl.
Row 5 *K2, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [32 sts]
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 *K3, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Rows 8 to 10 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 11 *K4, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]
Rows 12 to 14 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 15 *K5, kfb, rep from to end of row. [56 sts]
Rows 16 to 18 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 19 *K6, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [64 sts]
Rows 20 to 22 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 23 Knit. Mark stitches 30 and 35 for eye placement.
Rows 24 to 28 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 29 *K6, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [56 sts]
Row 30 Purl.
Row 31 *K5, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]
Row 32 Purl.
Row 33 *K4, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Row 34 Purl.
Row 35 *K3, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [32 sts]
Row 36 Purl.
Row 37 *K2, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 38 Purl.
Row 39 *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]
Break Yarn A. Join Yarn B.
Row 40 (WS) Purl.
Row 41 Kfb, rep from * to end of row. [32 sts]
Rows 42 to 44 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 45 *K3, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [40 sts]
Row 46 Purl.
Row 47 *K4, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [48 sts]

"As a huge cat fan, I love everything kitten! This cute pair makes the ultimate gift for a cat mum, you can even switch up the colours to match your favourite kitty!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

Row 48 Purl.
Row 49 *K5, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [56 sts]
Row 50 Purl.
Row 51 *K6, kfb, rep from * to end of row. [64 sts]
Rows 52 to 60 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Break Yarn B. Join Yarn A.
Rows 61 to 72 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st.

DIVIDE STITCHES FOR LEGS

Row 73 K32, place remaining 32 sts on stitch holder. [32 sts]
Rows 74 to 84 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 85 *K2, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [24 sts]
Row 86 Purl.
Row 87 *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]
Row 88 Purl.
Row 89 *K2tog, rep from * to end of row. [8 sts]
B&T.

SECOND LEG.

Slip sts off holder and onto knitting needle, right side facing. Join Yarn A.
Next row (RS) Knit one row.
Repeat Rows 74 to 89 to complete second leg. B&T.

OUTER EAR (MAKE 4)

Start at the ear tip.
Cast on 2 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 Kfb, K1. [3 sts]
Row 2 Knit.

Row 3 K2, kfb. [4 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 Kfb, K3 [5 sts]
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 K4, kfb. [6 sts]
Row 8 Knit.
Row 9 Kfb, K5. [7 sts]
Row 10 Knit.
Row 11 K6, kfb. [8 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Cast off.

INNER EAR (MAKE 4)

Start at the ear tip.
Cast on 2 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 Kfb, K1. [3 sts]
Row 2 Knit.
Row 3 K2, kfb. [4 sts]
Row 4 Knit.
Row 5 Kfb, K3. [5 sts]
Row 6 Knit.
Row 7 K4, kfb. [6 sts]
Row 8 Knit.
Cast off.

ARMS (MAKE 4)

Start at the shoulder.
Cast on 8 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (RS) *Kfb, rep from * to end of row. [16 sts]
Rows 2 to 11 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 12 (WS) Knit.
Break Yarn B. Join Yarn A.
Rows 13 to 24 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 25 *K2, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [12 sts]
Row 26 Purl.
Row 27 *K1, k2tog, rep from * to end of row. [8 sts]
B&T.

DUNGAREES

Start at the bottom of the first leg.
Cast on 36 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Rows 1 to 3 Knit.
Rows 4 to 9 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st.
Cut yarn and move all sts to a stitch holder.

SECOND LEG

Repeat Rows 1 to 9.
Row 10 Knit across second leg, slip 36 sts from holder onto left hand needle and knit across. [72 sts]
Rows 11 to 29 Beg with a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 30 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [58 sts]
Row 31 Purl.
Row 32 K14, k2tog, K26, k2tog, K14. [56 sts]
Row 33 Purl.
Row 34 K14, k2tog, K24, k2tog, K14. [54 sts]
Row 35 (WS) Knit.
Row 36 Cast off 4 sts, K4, (5 sts on RH needle) **cast off** foll 38 sts, K4 (9 sts on RH needle), **cast off** rem 3 sts.[8 sts]
Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving two sets of 4 sts on needle.
Join Yarn D and work on one set of 4 sts.

FIRST SHOULDER STRAP

Row 37 (WS) Knit. [4 sts]
Row 38 Sl1, K3. [4 sts]
Row 39 to 64 Rep Row 38 another 26 times.
Row 65 (RS) **Buttonhole row** K1, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso. [3 sts]
Rows 66 to 67 Knit.
Cast off.

SECOND SHOULDER STRAP

Join Yarn D and work on rem 4 sts.



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



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



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



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



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





Rep Rows 37 to 67.
Cast off.

PINAFORE DRESS

Start at the bottom edge of the skirt.
Cast on 72 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn D.
Rows 1 to 3 Knit.
Join Yarn B, carry Yarn D up WS side of work.
Rows 4 to 7 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st.
Fasten off Yarn B. Change to Yarn D.
Rows 8 to 19 Beg with a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 20 *K3, k2tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [58 sts].
Row 21 Purl.
Row 22 K14, k2tog, k26, k2tog, K14. [56 sts]
Row 23 Purl.
Row 24 K14, k2tog, K24, k2tog, k14. [54 sts]
Row 25 (WS) Knit.
Row 26 Cast off 4 sts, K4, (5 sts on RH needle) **cast off** foll 38 sts, K4 (9 sts on RH needle), **cast off** rem 3 sts.[8 sts]
Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving 2 sets of 4 sts on needle.
Join Yarn D and work on one set of 4 sts.

FIRST SHOULDER STRAP

Row 27 (WS) Knit. [4 sts]
Row 28 Sl1, K3. [4 sts]
Rows 29 to 54 Rep Row 28 another 26 times.
Row 55 (RS Buttonhole row) K1, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso. [3 sts]
Rows 56 to 57 Knit 2 rows.
Cast off .

SECOND SHOULDER STRAP

Join Yarn D and work on rem 4 sts.
Rep Rows 27 to 58.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Body and Head
Affix the safety eyes before seaming and stuffing the Kitten. Carefully push the stem of each safety eye through the loop at each stitch marker and remove the marker. Place some stuffing around each stem before pushing the plastic backing covers over the eye stems to hold the eyes in place. Alternatively use the stitch markers to position embroidered eyes. Pull the B&T yarn at the base of each Leg to close the foot. Seam each inside Leg. Sew the Body and Head seam, leaving gaps in the back of the Head and the Body for stuffing. Gather the cast-on stitches at the top of the Head, pull tightly and secure. Stuff the Legs, Body and Head partially, before forming the neck by threading a piece of Yarn B through the sts around the neck at row 40, pull tightly and knot, then weave in the ends. Once the neck has been formed you can continue to stuff the head and body. Paying attention to the shaping of the head and shoulders. Sew closed the gaps used for stuffing.Use scrap black yarn to embroider the face. For the nose, embroider a small triangle 2 sts wide and 2 sts deep, level with the bottom of the eyes. Make a 2 cm long stitch for the mouth, directly below the nose. For whiskers, make two 2 cm long diagonal stitches placed 3 cm to either side of the mouth, foll photos. Use photos as a guide to place eyebrows 2 cm above the eyes (you may wish to use pins to mark the shape).

Ears Place one pink inner ear triangle on top of a white outer ear triangle, line up the cast off edges, and catch stitch the pink inner ear into place. Rep for each ear. Position the ears on either side of the crown of the head with 5cm between them. Sew into place.

Arms Pull the B&T yarn to close each hand and secure. Mattress stitch the arm seam, leaving the top open. Stuff the arm leaving 0.5cm at the top unstuffed. Fold the open end flat and sew the edges down to close the top of the arm. Position the arms at the neck with the arm seams towards the back of the body and sew securely into place.

Dungarees With right sides together sew the leg seams. Sew the back seam from the top of the leg seam to the cast off edge. Turn the dungarees right side out and put them on the Kitten.
Place the straps over each shoulder of the Kitten and use the buttonholes to guide you for button placement.

Pinafore Follow directions as for Dungarees, except sew the entire back seam of the dress together before turning right side out.

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YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Rowan Creative Linen (50% linen, 50% cotton, 100g/200m) ***For yarn quantities and measurements see size table***
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4.5mm needles
- ☐ 3 buttons, 25mm diameter (ref TGB4777) and 6 buttons, 15mm diameter (ref TGB3020), both from www.textilegarden.com
- ☐ Stitch holders

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over patt using 4.5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

Cr3L Drop next slip st off needle and leave at front (RS) of work, K2, place dropped slip st back onto left needle and knit this st

Cr3R Slip next 2 sts one at a time purlwise with yarn at back (WS) of work, drop next slip st off needle and leave at front (RS) of work, place last 2 slip sts back onto left needle, pick up dropped slip st and knit this st, then knit the 2 slip sts
sl1 wyab Slip one st purlwise with yarn at back (WS) of work
sl1 wyaf Slip one st purlwise with yarn at front (WS) of work

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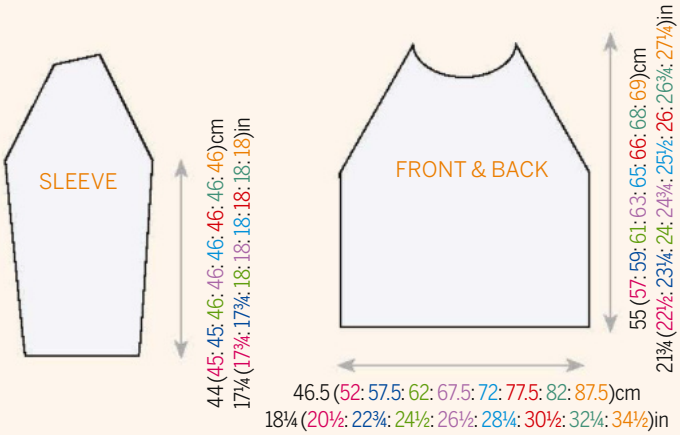
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TOP TIP

Linen softens beautifully with each wash and wear. Try knitting a swatch and giving it a good soak before starting your project. It'll show you the fabric's true drape and texture.

LINEN JUMPER

Note When working in patt, if there are insufficient sts to work Cr3R, Cr3L at beg and end of rows, work these sts in st st.

BACK

Cast on 102 (114: 126: 136: 148: 158: 170: 180: 192) sts using 4.5mm needles.
Beg with a K row, work in st st for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Now work in patt as folls:
Row 1 (RS) Knit.
Row 2 Purl.
Row 3 K8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11), (sl1 wyab) twice, *K12, (sl1 wyab) twice, rep from * to last 8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11) sts, K8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11).
Row 4 P8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11), (sl1 wyaf) twice, *P12, (sl1 wyaf) twice, rep from * to last 8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11) sts, P8 (14: 6: 11: 3: 8: 14: 5: 11).
Row 5 K6 (12: 4: 9: 1: 6: 12: 3: 9), Cr3R, Cr3L, *K8, Cr3R, Cr3L, rep from * to last 6 (12: 4: 9: 1: 6: 12: 3: 9) sts, K6 (12: 4: 9: 1: 6: 12: 3: 9).
Row 6 Purl.
Row 7 Knit.
Row 8 Purl.
Row 9 K15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4), (sl1 wyab) twice, *K12, (sl1 wyab) twice, rep from * to last 15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4) sts, K15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4).
Row 10 P15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4), (sl1 wyaf) twice, *P12, (sl1 wyaf) twice, rep from * to last 15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4) sts, P15 (7: 13: 4: 10: 15: 7: 12: 4).
Row 11 K13 (5: 11: 2: 8: 13: 5: 10: 2), Cr3R, Cr3L, *K8, Cr3R, Cr3L, rep from * to last 13 (5: 11: 2: 8: 13: 5: 10: 2) sts, K13 (5: 11: 2: 8: 13: 5: 10: 2).
Row 12 Purl.
These 12 rows form patt.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4-6	8-10	12-14	16-18	20-22	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38
TO FIT BUST	cm	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
	in	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
ACTUAL BUST	cm	92.5	103.5	114.5	123.5	134.5	143.5	154.5	163.5	174.5
	in	36½	40¾	45	48½	53	56½	60¾	64¼	68¾
LENGTH (NOT INCL TOP OF SLEEVE)	cm	55	57	59	61	63	65	66	68	69
	in	21¾	22½	23¼	24	24¾	25½	26	26¾	27¼
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	44	45	45	46	46	46	46	46	46
	in	17¼	17¾	17¾	18	18	18	18	18	18
YARN		Rowan Creative Linen (DK, 100g/200m)								
Mustard (647)		5	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10

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



"This sleeves of this jumper are knitted slightly differently. Our tip is to mark your left sleeve once knitted to set them apart so you don't get confused when making up."

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

Cont in patt until Back meas 32 (32.5: 33.5: 34: 34.5: 35: 35.5: 36: 36)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE RAGLAN ARMHOLES

Keeping patt correct (see pattern note), **cast off** 4 (4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 6: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.
[94 (106: 118: 128: 140: 150: 160: 168: 178) sts]**
Next row (RS) K1, k2togtbl, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
Next row P1, p2tog, patt to last 3 sts, p2togtbl, P1.
Working all raglan armhole decreases as set by last 2 rows, dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (9: 17: 21: 29: 33: 41: 45: 53) rows, then on foll 28 (27: 25: 25: 23: 23: 20: 20: 17) alt rows.
Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.
Leave rem 28 (30: 30: 32: 32: 34: 34: 34: 34) sts on a holder (for neckband).

FRONT

Work as given for Back to **.
Working all raglan armhole decreases in same way as for Back raglan armhole decreases, dec 1 st at each end of next 5 (11: 19: 23: 31: 35: 43: 47: 54) rows, then on foll 10 (9: 7: 7: 5: 5: 2: 2: 0) alt rows.
[64 (66: 66: 68: 68: 70: 70: 70: 70) sts]
Work 1 (1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 0) rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Place a marker at end of last row to denote base of left Front raglan border.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT RAGLAN BORDER

Next row (RS) **Cast on** 7 sts, K across these 7 sts, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K5, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
[69 (71: 71: 73: 73: 75: 75: 75: 75) sts]
Next row P2, patt to last 14 sts, P13, K1.
Next row K7, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K5, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
Next row P2, patt to last 14 sts, P13, K1.
Rep last 2 rows 4 times more, ending with RS facing for next row.
[59 (61: 61: 63: 63: 65: 65: 65: 65) sts]
Next row K3, yfwd, k2tog (to make a buttonhole), K2, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K1, yfwd, k2tog (to make a buttonhole – first pair of buttonholes made), K2, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
Next row P2, patt to last 14 sts, P13, K1.
Next row K7, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K5, patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1.
Next row P2, patt to last 14 sts, P13, K1.
Rep last 2 rows 5 times more. [45 (47: 47: 49: 49: 51: 51: 51: 51) sts]

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS) K3, yfwd, k2tog (to make a buttonhole), K2, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K1, yfwd, k2tog (to make a buttonhole – second pair of buttonholes made), K7 and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. [19 sts]

Work each side of neck separately.

Next row P2tog, P to last st, K1. [18 sts]
Next row K7, sl1 (to form fold line), k2tog tbl, K to last 2 sts, k2tog. [16 sts]
Next row P2tog, P to last st, K1. [15 sts]
Next row K2tog tbl, K5, sl1 (to form fold line), k2tog tbl, K3, k2tog. [12 sts]
Next row P11, K1.
Next row K2tog tbl, K2, k2tog, sl1 (to form fold line), k2togtbl, K1, k2tog. [8 sts]
Next row P7, K1.
Next row K2togtbl, k2tog, sl1 (to form fold line), k3togtbl. [4 sts]
Next row P3, K1.
Next row K2tog, k2togtbl, pass first st on right needle over second st on right needle and fasten off.

With RS facing, slip centre 12 (14: 14: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 18) sts onto a holder (for neckband), rejoin yarn and patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [12 sts]
Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows, then on foll alt row AND AT SAME TIME dec 1 st at raglan edge as before on 2nd and foll 2 alt rows. [4 sts]
Next row P4.
Next row K3tog, K1.
Next row P2.
Next row K2tog and fasten off.

LEFT SLEEVE
FIRST CUFF SECTION

Cast on 28 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32: 33: 33) sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to last 0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1) st, P0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1).
Row 2 K0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1), *P1, K1, rep from * to end.
These 2 rows form rib.
Cont in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, yrn (to make a buttonhole), rib to end.
Work a further 7 rows in rib, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 4.5mm needles.
Now work in patt with rib border as folls:
Row 1 (RS) K2, P1, (K1, P1) twice, K to end.
Row 2 P to last 7 sts, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.
Row 3 K2, k2tog, yrn (to make a buttonhole), P1, K1, P1, K10, (sl1 wyab) twice, K9 (10: 11: 12: 12: 13: 13: 14: 13), (inc in last st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times. [28 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32: 33: 34) sts]
Row 4 P9 (10: 11: 12: 12: 13: 13: 14: 15), (sl1 wyaf) twice, P10, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.
Row 5 K2, P1, (K1, P1) twice, K8, Cr3R, Cr3L, K7 (8: 9: 10: 9: 10: 10: 11: 13), (inc in last st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 0) times.



[28 (29: 30: 31: 32: 33: 33: 34: 34) sts]
Row 6 As Row 2.
Row 7 K2, P1, (K1, P1) twice, K to last 1 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) sts, (inc in last st) 1 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times.
[29 (30: 31: 32: 32: 33: 33: 34: 35) sts]
Row 8 As Row 2.
Row 9 K2, P1, (K1, P1) twice, K3, (sl1 wyab) twice, K12, (sl1 wyab) twice, K3 (4: 5: 6: 5: 6: 6: 7: 9), (inc in last st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 0) times. [29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 34: 35: 35) sts]
Row 10 P3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9), (sl1 wyaf) twice, P12, (sl1 wyaf) twice, P3, (K1, P1) 3 times, K1.
Row 11 K2, P1, (K1, P1) twice, K1, Cr3R, Cr3L, K8, Cr3R, Cr3L, K1 (2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 6: 7: 6), (inc in last st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times.
[29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 34: 35: 36) sts]

STEP-BY-STEP K2TOG KNIT TWO STITCHES TOGETHER



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



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



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



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



Row 12 As Row 2.
These 12 rows set patt with 7 sts in rib at right side edge.

Keeping sts correct as set, cont in patt as folls:
Work a buttonhole as before on next row AND AT SAME TIME inc 1 st at end of next (next: next: next: next: next: next: next: 3rd) and foll – (-: -: -: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: -) row, taking inc sts into st st.
[30 (31: 32: 33: 35: 36: 36: 37: 37) sts]**
Work 5 (5: 5: 5: 1: 1: 1: 1: 3) rows, ending after Row 6 of patt and with RS facing for next row.
Break off yarn and leave sts on a holder.

SECOND CUFF SECTION

Cast on 28 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32: 33: 33) sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) K1 (0: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0), *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 2 *K1, P1, rep from * to last 0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1) st, K0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1).
These 2 rows form rib.
Cont in rib for a further 10 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

***Change to 4.5mm needles.
Now work in patt with rib border as folls:
Row 1 (RS) K to last 7 sts, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1.
Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, P to end.
Row 3 (Inc in first st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times, K9 (10: 11: 12: 12: 13: 13: 14: 13), (sl1 wyab) twice, K10, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1.
[28 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32: 33: 34) sts]
Row 4 K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, P10, (sl1 wyaf) twice, P9 (10: 11: 12: 12: 13: 13: 14: 15).
Row 5 (Inc in first st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 0) times, K7 (8: 9: 10: 9: 10: 10: 11: 13), Cr3R, Cr3L, K8, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1.
[28 (29: 30: 31: 32: 33: 33: 34: 34) sts]
Row 6 As Row 2.
Row 7 (Inc in first st) 1 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times, K to last 7 sts, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1. [29 (30: 31: 32: 32: 33: 33: 34: 35) sts]
Row 8 As Row 2.
Row 9 (Inc in first st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 0) times, K3 (4: 5: 6: 5: 6: 6: 7: 9), (sl1 wyab) twice, K12, (sl1 wyab) twice, K3, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1.
[29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 34: 35: 35) sts]
Row 10 K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, P3, (sl1 wyaf) twice, P12, (sl1 wyaf) twice, P3 (4: 5: 6: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9).
Row 11 (Inc in first st) 0 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times, K1 (2: 3: 4: 5: 6: 6: 7: 6), Cr3R, Cr3L, K8, Cr3R, Cr3L, K1, (P1, K1) 3 times, K1.
[29 (30: 31: 32: 33: 34: 34: 35: 36) sts]
Row 12 As Row 2.
These 12 rows set patt with 7 sts in rib at left-side edge.

Keeping sts correct as set, cont in patt as folls:
Inc 1 st at beg of next (next: next: next: next: next: next: next: 3rd) and foll – (-: -: -: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th: -) row, taking inc sts into st st.
[30 (31: 32: 33: 35: 36: 36: 37: 37) sts]****
Work 4 (4: 4: 4: 0: 0: 0: 0: 2) rows, ending after Row 5 of patt and with WS facing for next row.
Next row Cast off first 7 sts in rib, P to end.
[23 (24: 25: 26: 28: 29: 29: 30: 30) sts]

JOIN SECTIONS

Next row (RS) Work across 23 (24: 25: 26: 28: 29: 29: 30: 30) sts of second cuff section as folls: (inc in first st) 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times, K23 (23: 24: 25: 28: 29: 29: 30: 29), then with RS facing, work across 30 (31: 32: 33: 35: 36: 36: 37: 37) sts on first cuff section as folls: K3, k2tog, K to last 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) sts, (inc in last st) 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times. [52 (56: 58: 60: 62: 64: 64: 66: 68) sts]
Next row Purl.

*****Beg with row 9, now work in patt across all sts as folls:
Inc 1 st at each end of next (5th: 5th: 5th: 3rd: next: next: next: 3rd) and every foll 8th (6th: 6th: 6th: 6th: 4th: 4th: 4th: 4th) row to 74 (68: 78: 84: 92: 70: 88: 96: 106) sts, then on every foll - (8th: 8th: 8th: -: 6th: 6th: 6th: 6th) row until there are - (80: 84: 88: -: 96: 102: 106: 110) sts, taking inc sts into patt (see pattern note).
Cont straight until Sleeve meas 44 (45: 45: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46: 46) cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE RAGLAN

Keeping patt correct, **cast off** 4 (4: 4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 6: 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. [66 (72: 76: 80: 84: 88: 92: 94: 96) sts]******
Working all raglan decreases in same way as for back raglan armhole decreases, dec 1 st at each end of next and 6 (7: 8: 9: 9: 9: 8: 9: 9) foll 4th rows, then on foll 0 (0: 0: 0: 2: 4: 7: 7: 8) alt rows.
[52 (56: 58: 60: 60: 60: 60: 60: 60) sts]
Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.
Place a marker at beg of last row to denote base of Left Sleeve raglan button border.

SHAPE LEFT SLEEVE RAGLAN BORDER

Next row (RS) K2 (2: 2: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1), (k2togtbl) 0 (0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1) times, patt to last 2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 3: 3: 3: 3) sts, (k2tog) 0 (0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1) times, K2 (2: 2: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1).
[52 (56: 58: 58: 58: 58: 58: 58: 58) sts]
Next row Cast on 14 sts, work across these 14 sts as folls: K1, P13, then P2, patt to last 2 sts, P2. [66 (70: 72: 72: 72: 72: 72: 72: 72) sts]
Next row K1, k2togtbl, patt to last 17 sts, k2tog, K7, sl1 (to form fold line), K7.
Next row K1, P15, patt to last 2 sts, P2.
Last 2 rows set the sts with 14 sts at left side of raglan shaping as

border extension.
Working 14 sts of extension at left side of raglan shaping and all raglan decreases as now set, cont as folls:
Dec 1 st at each side of raglan shaping on 3rd (3rd: next: next: next: next: next: next: next) and 2 (0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0) foll 4th rows, then on foll 10 (14: 15: 15: 15: 15: 15: 15: 15) alt rows. [38 sts]
Next row (WS) **Cast off** first 14 sts, P to end.
Leave rem 24 sts on a holder (for neckband).

RIGHT SLEEVE

FIRST CUFF SECTION

Omitting buttonholes, work as given for first cuff section of Left Sleeve to **.
Work 4 (4: 4: 4: 0: 0: 0: 0: 2) rows, ending after Row 5 of patt and with WS facing for next row.
Next row P to last 7 sts, **cast off** last 7 sts in rib.
Leave rem 23 (24: 25: 26: 28: 29: 29: 30: 30) sts on a holder.

SECOND CUFF SECTION

Cast on 28 (29: 30: 31: 31: 32: 32: 33: 33) sts using 4mm needles.
Row 1 (RS) K1 (0: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0), *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 2 *K1, P1, rep from * to last 0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1) st, K0 (1: 0: 1: 1: 0: 0: 1: 1).
These 2 rows form rib.
Cont in rib for a further 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS) Rib to last 4 sts, yon, k2togtbl (to make a buttonhole), K2.
Cont in rib for a further 7 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Work as given for second cuff section of Left Sleeve from *** to **** with the addition of a further 2 buttonholes, the first to come in 3rd row and the second to come in foll 10th row.
Work 5 (5: 5: 5: 1: 1: 1: 1: 3) rows, ending after Row 6 of patt and with RS facing for next row.

JOIN SECTIONS

Next row (RS) Work across 30 (31: 32: 33: 35: 36: 36: 37: 37) sts of second cuff section as folls: (inc in first st) 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times, K to last 5 sts, k2tog, K3, then with RS facing, work across 23 (24: 25: 26: 28: 29: 29: 30: 30) sts of first cuff section as folls: K to last 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) sts, (inc in last st) 0 (1: 1: 1: 0: 0: 0: 0: 1) times.
[52 (56: 58: 60: 62: 64: 64: 66: 68) sts]
Next row Purl.
Work as given for Left Sleeve from ***** to ******.
Working all raglan decreases in same way as for Back raglan armhole decreases, dec 1 st at each end of next and 10 (9: 9: 9: 9: 9: 8: 9: 9) foll 4th rows, then on every foll alt row until 24 sts rem.
Work 1 row, ending with RS facing for next row.
Leave rem sts on a holder (for neckband).

MAKING UP

Block pieces gently, following any instructions on the ball band.
Fold left Front raglan border extension to WS along fold line and slip stitch row-end edge in place. Fold Left Sleeve raglan border extension in half to WS along fold line and slip stitch row-end edge in place. Sew cast-off sts at top of cuff sections in place.
Join both Back and right Front raglan seams, using mattress stitch or backstitch if preferred.

NECKBAND

With RS facing and using 4mm needles, pick up and knit 9 sts down left side of Front neck through both thicknesses of fabric, K across 12 (14: 14: 16: 16: 18: 18: 18: 18) sts on Front holder, pick up and knit 9 sts up right side of Front neck, K across 24 sts on Right Sleeve holder, 28 (30: 30: 32: 32: 34: 34: 34: 34) on Back holder dec 1 st at centre, 24 sts on Left Sleeve holder, then pick up and knit 8 sts across top of Left Sleeve raglan border extension through both thicknesses of fabric.
[113 (117: 117: 121: 121: 125: 125: 125: 125) sts]
Row 1 (WS) K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.
Row 2 K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.
These 2 rows form rib.
Work 3 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Next row (RS) K2, k2tog, yrn (to make a buttonhole), rib to end.
Work 5 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.
Cast off in rib.



FINISHING

Join left raglan seam from beg of raglan armhole shaping to markers at base of border extensions. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Weave in ends. Sew on buttons.



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



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



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



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

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



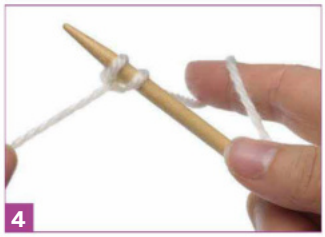
Make a slip knot and place it on a needle, leaving a long tail. The tail length depends on the number of stitches you wish to cast on. Try a length about 3 times the width of the project.



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



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



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

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



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

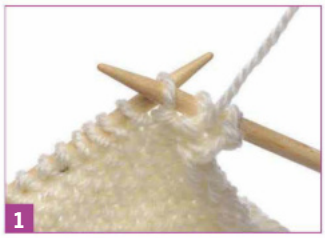


Bring the right-hand needle down through the loop, making sure that you catch the yarn you wound around the needle. This creates the stitch. Don't pull the free yarn too tightly, let out some slack.



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

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



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



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



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



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

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



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



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



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



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

ABBREVIATIONS AND USEFUL INFO

alt alternate
approx approximately
beg beginning
b&t (break and tighten) break off the yarn and thread the end through the st(s) left on the needle. Pull the end of the yarn to tighten the st(s) together
cn cable needle
cont continue
dec decrease(ing) (by working two stitches together)
DK double knitting
DPNs double-pointed needles
foll/s following/follows
g st garter stitch (knit every row)
inc increase (usually knit into same stitch twice)
K/k knit
kbfb knit into the back, front and back of the next st [inc 2 sts]
kfb knit into front and back of stitch
kwise knitwise; by knitting the stitch
k2tog knit the next two stitches together
k(1)tbl knit (1) into back loop
LH left hand
meas measure(s)
M1 make one stitch by knitting into back of loop between two stitches
M1L (left leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back. Knit lifted loop through back of loop
M1R (right leaning increase) with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front. Knit lifted loop through front of loop
M1P make one purlwise by purling into back of loop between two stitches (increase 1 stitch)
MB make a bobble
mrk marker
P/p purl
patt(s) pattern(s)
PB place bead
pfb purl into front and back of stitch
PM place marker
P2tog purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
P3tog purl 3 stitches together (2 stitches decreased)
prev previous
psso pass slipped stitch(es) over
p(1)tbl purl (1) into back of the loop
pwise (purlwise) by purling the stitch
rem remain/remaining
rep(s) repeat(s)
rev st st reverse stocking stitch
RH right hand
rib2tog either k2tog or p2tog dep on what next stitch in ribbing should be (keeps ribbing looking neat on buttonholes)
rnd(s) round(s) (on a circular needle/ DPNs)
RS right side
s2kpo slip 2 stitches, K1, pass both slipped stitches over (2 stitches decreased)
skpo slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, pass slipped stitch over (1 stitch decreased)
sk2po slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass slipped stitch over (2 stitches decreased)
sl slip
sl st slip stitch
SM stitch marker
ssk slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together (1 stitch decreased)
ssp slip 2 stitches one at a time, purl 2 slipped stitches together through back loops (1 stitch decreased)
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch
tbl through the back of the loop
tog together
w&t (wrap and turn) take the yarn to the opposite side of the work between the needles, slip the next st to the right-hand needle, take the yarn back to the other side of the work between the needles, slip the stitch back to the left-hand needle.
WS wrong side
wyib with yarn in back
wyif with yarn in front
ybk yarn to the back
yfwd yarn forward
yo yarn over
yrn yarn round needle
yon yarn over needle
***** work instructions immediately following *, then repeat as directed

NEEDLE SIZES

UK	METRIC	US
14	2mm	0
13	2.25mm	1
–	2.5mm	–
12	2.75mm	2
11	3mm	–
10	3.25mm	3
–	3.5mm	4
9	3.75mm	5
8	4mm	6
7	4.5mm	7
6	5mm	8
5	5.5mm	9
4	6mm	10
3	6.5mm	10½
2	7mm	–
1	7.5mm	–
0	8mm	11
00	9mm	13
000	10mm	15
–	12mm	17
–	15mm	19
–	20mm	36
–	25mm	50

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- ☐ Yarnsmiths Merino DK Superwash (100% Merino wool, 50g/110m)
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  Yarn A Ginger (3124)
  Yarn B Brown Bear (3070)
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ Two 3.5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ Button

TENSION

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

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Cast on 44 sts sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.

Foundation row Purl.
Row 1 K1, *K1, P4, K1; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 2 P1, *P1, K4, P1; rep from * to last st, P1.
Rows 3 and 4 Rep last 2 rows.
Row 5 Knit to end.
Row 6 Purl to end.
Row 7 K1, *P2, K2, P2; rep from * to last st, K1.
Row 8 P1, *K2, P2, K2; rep from * to last st, P1.
Rows 9 and 10 Rep last 2 rows.



Row 11 Knit to end.
Row 12 Purl to end.
Rep from Rows 1 to 12 once more, then Rows 1 to 5.

Change to Yarn B.
Rep Rows 6 to 12, then Rows 1 to 12.
Next row Purl.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

Block gently, following any instructions on the ball band.
Fold RS together and sew the back seam. Line up this seam to the middle of the bottom of the cover and sew this together. Turn RS out. Sew the button to the front, in the middle at the top.

I-CORD

Cast on 3 sts using a 3.5mm DPN and Yarn A.
Knit the stitches, do not turn and push the sts to the other end of the needle to knit these sts again.
Repeat until i-cord measures 10cm.
Cast off.

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Hello!

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Summer's here and it's time to knit something fun and full of sunshine! In this cheerful supplement, we've got three holiday treats: a cool-blue T-shirt with a deep lace border, perfect for warm days; an adorable fishing-themed playset for little ones; and a colourful Fair Isle beach bag that's ready for seaside adventures. Knit in the garden, by the waves, or wherever you unwind, these patterns will keep your creative mojo on top form all summer long!

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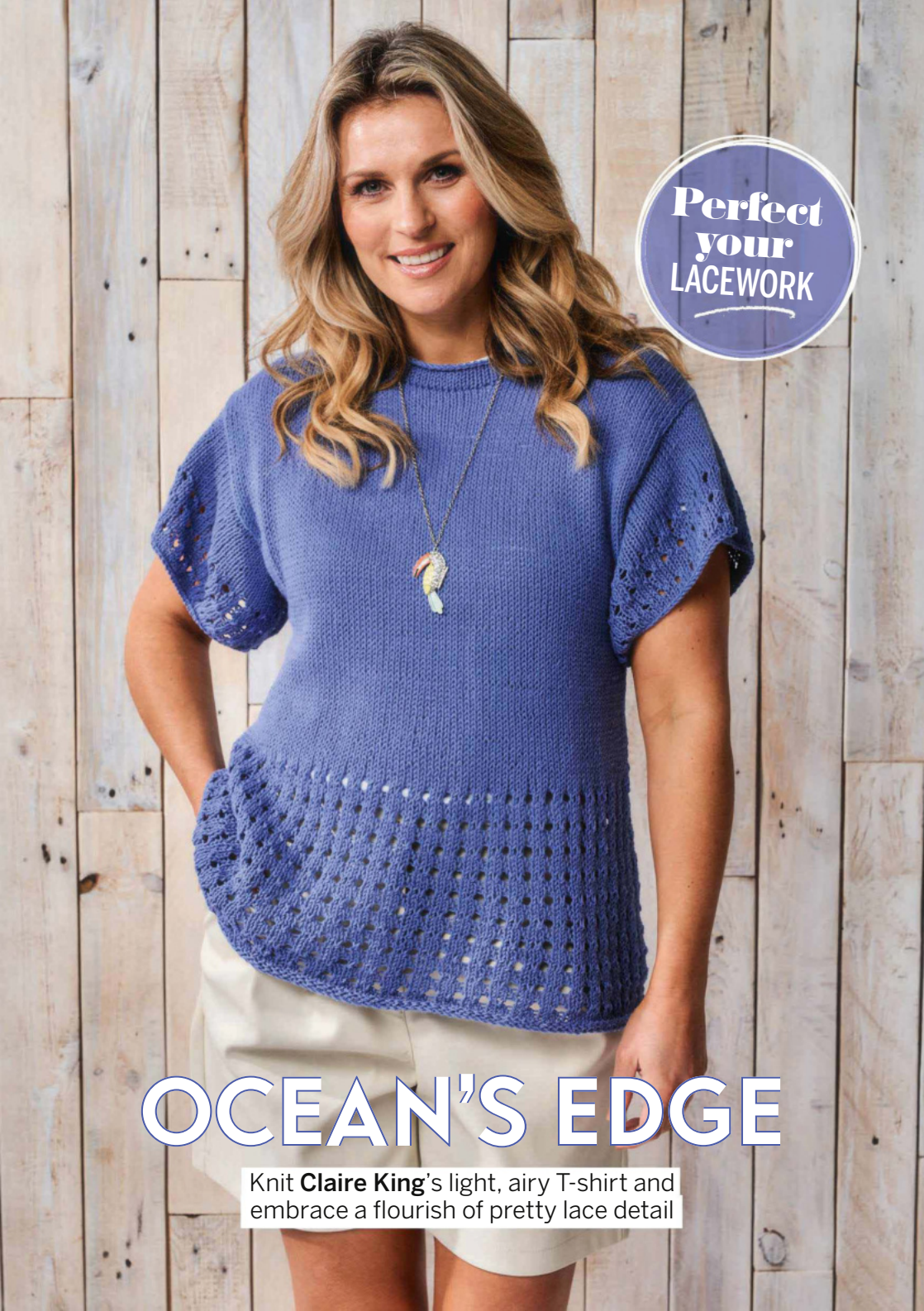
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OCEAN'S EDGE

Knit **Claire King**'s light, airy T-shirt and embrace a flourish of pretty lace detail



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK (100% cotton, 50g/125m) ***For yarn quantities and measurements see size table***
- ☐ A 5mm circular needle, 40cm long for neckband and 60-100cm long for body
- ☐ A set of 5mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- ☐ Stitch marker
- ☐ Waste yarn for holding stitches

TENSION

17 sts and 22 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 5mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

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BODY

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Rnd 1 Knit.
Rnd 2 Purl.
Rnd 3 Knit.
Rnd 4 Purl.
Rnds 5 to 9 Knit.
Rnd 10 *Yo, k2tog, K1; rep from * to end.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		4	6-8	10-12	14-16	18-20	22-24	26-28	30-32	34-36
TO FIT BUST	cm	71	76-81	86-91	97-102	107-112	117-122	127-132	137-142	147-152
	in	28	30-32	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60
ACTUAL BUST	cm	74	85	95	102	113	127	138	145	155
	in	29	33½	37½	40¼	44½	50	54¼	57	61
LENGTH	cm	63	64	65	67	67	69	70	72	73
	in	25	25	25½	26½	26½	27	27½	28½	28½
SLEEVE LENGTH	cm	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
	in	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
YARN		**Paintbox Yarns Cotton DK (50g/125m)**								
Cerulean Blue (474)		5	6	6	7	7	8	9	10	11

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



Rnds 11 to 14 Knit.
Rnds 15 to 59 Repeat Rnds 10 to 14 another 9 times.
Rnd 60 Knit.
Continue in st st until piece measures 36cm.

BACK

Place 63 (72: 81: 87: 96: 108: 117: 123: 132) sts on waste yarn.
You will now work the remaining stitches flat, back and forth in rows.
Next row (WS) Purl.
Continue working in st st for a total of 59 (61: 63: 67: 69: 73: 75: 79: 81) rows, ending on a WS row.
Place live stitches on a piece of waste yarn.

FRONT

Replace held stitches back on a 5mm circular needle. Rejoin yarn at right armhole and begin working flat.
Next row (WS) Purl.
Continue working in st st for a total of 41 (43: 45: 49: 51: 55: 57: 61: 63) rows, ending on a WS row.

Next row (RS) Knit 26 (30: 34: 37: 41: 47: 51: 54: 58) sts to create left front, **cast off** 11 (12: 13: 13: 14: 14: 15: 15: 16) sts for neck, K26 (30: 34: 37: 41: 47: 51: 54: 58) (note one of these stitches will already be on the right needle after casting off), **Next row** (WS) Purl 26 (30: 34: 37: 41: 47: 51: 54: 58) sts to neck edge and place remaining stitches for left front on spare yarn.

SHAPE RIGHT FRONT NECK

Turn work so RS is facing.
Next row (RS dec) K1, ssk, K to end. [1 st dec'd]
Next row Purl.

Rep last 2 rows a further 5 (5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7: 7: 7) times. [20 (24: 27: 30: 34: 39: 43: 46: 50) sts]
Work 4 (4: 2: 2: 2: 0: 0: 0: 0) rows in st st.
Place the live stitches on a piece of waste yarn, ready for the 3 needle bind-off.
Replace the held stitches onto a 5mm circular needle and rejoin yarn at the neck edge with WS facing.

SHAPE LEFT FRONT NECK

Next row (WS) Purl all stitches.
Next row (RS dec) K to last 2 sts, k2tog, K1. [1 st dec'd]

STEP-BY-STEP
HOW TO KNIT SSK SLIP, SLIP, KNIT



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



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



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



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



Rep last 2 rows a further 5 (5: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7: 7) times. [20 (24: 27: 30: 34: 39: 43: 46: 50) sts]
Work 5 (5: 3: 3: 3: 1: 1: 1: 1) rows in st st.

JOIN BACK AND FRONT

Place the stitches from the Back section onto a spare needle.
Holding both the Back and Front pieces together with RS facing, **cast off** 20 (24: 27: 30: 34: 39: 43: 46: 50) of the left Front sts using the 3 needle bind-off technique.
Cast off the next 23 (24: 27: 27: 28: 30: 31: 31: 32) sts across the Back neck.
Cast off the remaining 20 (24: 27: 30: 34: 39: 43: 46: 50) sts using 3 needle bind-off for the right shoulder seam.

SLEEVES

With RS facing and using 5mm DPNs, pick up and knit 39 (42: 42: 45: 45: 48: 51: 51: 54) sts evenly from the underarm to the shoulder, and 39 (42: 42: 45: 45: 48: 51: 51: 54) sts down the other side to the underarm. PM to mark beg of rnd.
Rnds 1 to 14 Knit.
Rnd 15 *Yo, k2tog, K1; rep from * to end.
Rnds 16 to 19, Knit.
Repeat rnds 15 to 19 twice more.
Cast off.

MAKING UP

NECKBAND

With RS facing, using 5mm circular needles 40cm long, starting at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 23 (24: 27: 27: 28: 30: 31: 31: 32) sts along the Back neck, 17 sts down the left side, 11 (12: 13: 13: 14: 14: 15: 15: 16) sts along the Front neck and 17 sts up the right side. PM to mark beg of rnd.
Rnds 1 to 6 Knit.
Cast off all stitches.

FINISHING

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





BEACHY BRIGHTS

Carry your seaside essentials in style with this vibrant Fair Isle bag by **Mary Henderson**



Knit for SUMMER PICNICS!



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Yarnsmiths Merino DK (100% Merino, 50g/110m)
  2 balls of
  Yarn A Hydrangea Blue (3266)
  Yarn B Sand (3066)
  1 ball of
  Yarn C Sunshine Yellow (3150)
  Yarn D Bright Red (3110)
  Yarn E Lemon Yellow (3170)
- ☐ A pair of 3.25mm needles
- ☐ A 4mm circular needle, 60cm long
- ☐ Stitch markers with 1 lockable for beginning of round, the rest to mark out stitch pattern (optional)
- ☐ Fabric for lining 90cm width by 35cm depth
- ☐ Matching sewing thread
- ☐ Sewing needle

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rnds to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over Fair Isle Pattern in st st using 4mm needles

24 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over garter st using 3.25mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Width 43.5cm (17in)
Depth (inc handle) 36cm (14¼in)

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list see page 79 in *Simply Knitting* magazine

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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

WHERE TO BUY

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

KEY

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

BEACH BAG

Cast on 84 sts using 3.25mm needles and Yarn A. Knit 24 rows in garter stitch (12 ridges).

Change to 4mm circular needles.
Set-up rnd Knit 1 row, do not turn work, rotate 90 degrees and pick up 12 sts along the short side, rotate again pick up 84 stitches from the cast on edge, rotate once more and pick up 12 sts along the final short side. PM to mark beg of rnd. [192 sts]

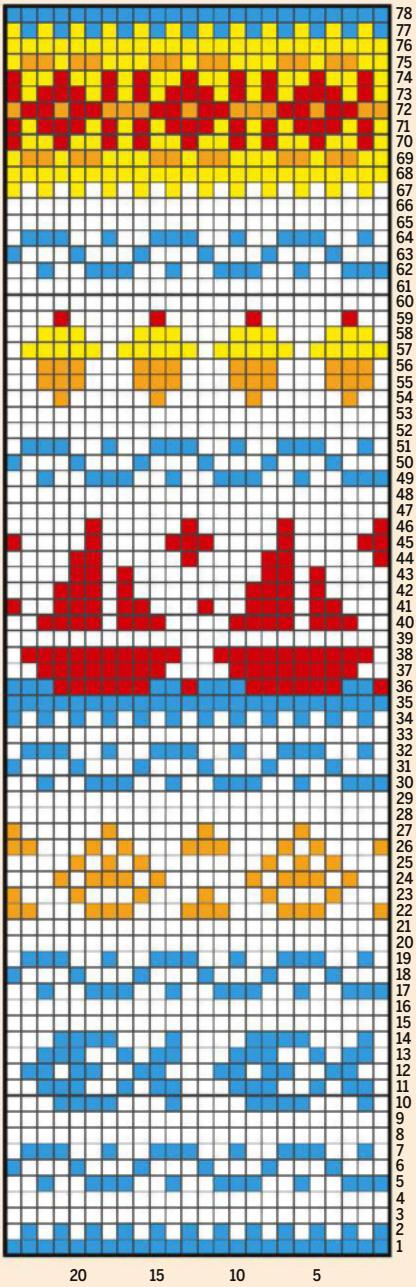
Begin Chart – reading from right to left for each round, knit every st.
Follow Chart and work Rnds 1 to 78.

HANDLES

*Change to 3.25mm needles and Yarn A.
Knit 96 sts, turn. You will work back and forth on



CHART





"With just a few adjustments you could knit this summery bag design as a cushion for your conservatory or beach hut!"

SOPHIE JORDAN, DEPUTY EDITOR

these 96 sts for this section.
Using Yarn E, knit 4 rows.
Using Yarn C, knit 4 rows.
Using Yarn D, knit 2 rows.

Knit 33 sts, **cast off** 30 sts. Slip last st onto left hand needle. **Cast on** 30 sts using knitted cast-on, knit to end.
Using Yarn D, knit 3 rows.
Using Yarn C, knit 4 rows.
Using Yarn E, knit 4 rows.
Cast off *K2tog, slip back onto left-hand needle; rep from * until 1 st remains. Cut yarn and pull though loop.

Join yarn to remaining 96 sts and repeat from * for second handle.

MAKING UP

Sew in the ends.

Join the sides of the handle

Join garter stitch edges together using mattress stitch technique.

With Yarn D, re-enforce the sides of the opening by joining any gaps.

Block by pressing lightly with a steam iron.

LINING

Cut a piece of fabric to fit the bag, twice the width as a guide with a 1.5cm seam allowance each end and the length of the bag with a 1.5cm seam allowance at the top and bottom.

Sew the bottom and sides with right sides together. Press the top edge down, to the 1.5cm seam allowance. Slip into the knitted bag, pinning into position below the handle opening. Slip stitch lining into place along the top.





LITTLE ANGLER

Cast on some fun with this adorable fishing set – it's perfect for hours of imaginative play. By **Amanda Berry**



IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS

YOU WILL NEED

- ☐ Sirdar Hayfield Bonus DK (100% acrylic, 100g/280m)
  1 ball of each
  Yarn A Bluebell (969)
  Yarn B Clementine (576)
  Yarn C Fern Green (603)
  Yarn D Frost Blue (608)
  Yarn E Pink (992)
  Yarn F White (961)
- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ A pair of 4mm needles
- ☐ A stitch holder
- ☐ Toy filling
- ☐ A 25cm diameter flat-back polystyrene wreath form
- ☐ 2 Beech dowels, 20cm x 12mm
- ☐ A circular magnet, 2cm diameter
- ☐ 9 split rings, 2.5cm diameter
- ☐ 18 googly stick-on eyes, 1cm diameter
- ☐ Strong glue
- ☐ Blue and white cord, two 40cm lengths
- ☐ A plastic 'S' hook, 5cm

TENSION

22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over stocking stitch using 4mm needles.
23 sts and 29 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 3.5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS

Play Pond 25cm (10in) diameter
Goldfish 9cm (3½in) long
Trout 10cm (4in) long
Crab 10cm (4in) across

ABBREVIATIONS

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WHERE TO BUY

☐ **For yarn stockists contact Sirdar on 01924 371501 or at www.sirdar.com**



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

"Member of the PTA? This cute little game would make a great little fundraising idea at the next school fête!"

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FISHING GAME

Notes *Safety note* Magnets are not intended for use in items for children under 3 years of age. Please supervise and use caution when allowing children to play with toys containing magnets.
Magnet The magnet used is one usually used to make fridge magnets. If you prefer not to use magnets, you could attach a hook onto the fishing line instead. Plastic 'S' hooks can be purchased from hardware stores or haberdasheries, or a curtain hook could also be used.
Fishing rods Each rod is a length of dowel with a drilled hole at the end. Available from all good craft stores.

POND

POND SIDES

Note Keep the cast-on and cast-off loose so that these edges can stretch around the wreath form; use a larger needle size if necessary.

Cast on 29 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Rows 2 to 3 Knit.
Row 4 Purl.

Rows 5 to 200 Rep Rows 1 to 4 forty-nine times.
Cast off.

POND BASE

Cast on 22 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn A.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K1, kfb, K to last 2 sts, kfb, K1. [2 sts inc'd]
Rows 3 to 22 Rep Rows 1 to 2 ten times. [44 sts]
Rows 23 to 27 Start on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 28 K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1. [2 sts dec'd]
Row 29 Purl.
Rows 30 to 49 Rep Rows 28 to 29 ten times. [22 sts]
Cast off.

POND REEDS (MAKE 5)

Note Use the cable cast-on throughout this piece.
Cast on 10 sts using 4mm needles and Yarn C.
Row 1 (RS) **Cast off** 8 sts, knit to end. [2 sts]



Row 2 K2.
Row 3 Cast on 8 sts, **cast off** 8 sts, knit to end. [2 sts]
Rows 4 to 7 Rep Rows 2 to 3 twice. [2 sts]
Row 8 K2.
Row 9 Cast on 8 sts, knit to end. [10 sts]
Cast off.

BASKETS
(MAKE 1 EACH IN YARNS B, D AND E)
Start at top edge.

Cast on 55 sts using 4mm needles.
Rows 1 to 23 Knit.
Row 24 (RS) K1, (k2tog, K4) 9 times. [46 sts]
Row 25 and foll WS rows Knit.
Row 26 K1, (k2tog, K3) 9 times. [37 sts]
Row 28 K1, (k2tog, K2) 9 times. [28 sts]
Row 30 K1, (k2tog, K1) 9 times. [19 sts]
Row 32 K1, (k2tog) 9 times. [10 sts]
Cast off.

GOLDFISH
Start at end of tail.
Cast on 20 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (WS) Knit to last st, sl1wyif.
Row 2 K1, (k2tog) twice, K4, (kfb) twice, K4, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [18 sts]
Rows 3, 5, 7 and 9 Rep Row 1.
Row 4 K1, (k2tog) twice, K3, (kfb) twice, K3, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [16 sts]
Row 6 K1, (k2tog) twice, K2, (kfb) twice, K2, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [14 sts]
Row 8 K1, (k2tog) twice, K1, (kfb) twice, K1, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [12 sts]
Row 10 K1, (k2tog) twice, (kfb) twice, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [10 sts]
Row 11 (WS) K1, (k2tog) 4 times, sl1wyif. [6 sts]
Row 12 Cast on 6 sts, knit to end. [12 sts]
Row 13 Purl.
Row 14 K1, (kfb, K3, kfb) twice, K1. [16 sts]
Row 15 Knit.
Row 16 K1, (kfb, K5, kfb) twice, K1. [20 sts]
Row 17 Purl.
Row 18 K1, (kfb, K7, kfb) twice, K1. [24 sts]
Row 19 Knit.





Rows 20 to 22 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 23 (WS) Knit.
Rows 24 to 25 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 26 K1, (ssk, K7, k2tog) twice, K1. [20 sts]
Row 27 and foll WS rows Purl.
Row 28 K1, (ssk, K5, k2tog) twice, K1. [16 sts]
Row 30 K1, (ssk, K3, k2tog) twice, K1. [12 sts]
Row 32 K1, (ssk, K1, k2tog) twice, K1. [8 sts]

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

TROUT

Start at end of tail.
Cast on 12 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn D.
Row 1 (RS) K11, sl1wyif.
Row 2 K4, (k2tog) twice, K3, sl1wyif. [10 sts]
Row 3 K9, sl1wyif.
Row 4 K3, (k2tog) twice, K2, sl1wyif. [8 sts]
Row 5 K7, sl1wyif.
Row 6 K2, (k2tog) twice, K1, sl1wyif. [6 sts]
Row 7 K5, sl1wyif.
Row 8 K1, (k2tog) twice, sl1wyif. [4 sts]
Row 9 Cast on 4 sts, knit to end. [8 sts]
Row 10 Purl.

STEP-BY-STEP
HOW TO KNIT KFB INCREASE 1 BY KNITTING INTO FRONT & BACK



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



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



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



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

Row 11 K1, (kfb, K1, kfb) twice, K1. [12 sts]
Row 12 Knit.
Row 13 K1, (kfb, K3, kfb) twice, K1. [16 sts]
Row 14 Purl.
Row 15 K1, (kfb, K5, kfb) twice, K1. [20 sts]
Row 16 Knit.
Rows 17 to 19 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Rows 20 to 31 Rep Rows 16 to 19 three times.
Row 32 and foll WS rows Purl.
Row 33 K1, (ssk, K5, k2tog) twice, K1. [16 sts]
Row 35 K1, (ssk, K3, k2tog) twice, K1. [12 sts]
Row 37 K1, (ssk, K1, k2tog) twice, K1. [8 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CRAB

CRAB BODY

Start at bottom.
Cast on 9 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn E.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K1, (kfb) 7 times, K1. [16 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 K1, (kfb, K1) 7 times, K1. [23 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Row 6 K1, (kfb, K2) 7 times, K1. [30 sts]
Row 7 Knit.
Rows 8 to 13 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 14 K1, (k2tog, K5) 4 times, K1. [26 sts]
Row 15 Purl.
Row 16 K1, (k2tog, K1) 8 times, K1. [18 sts]
Row 17 Purl.
Row 18 (K2tog) 9 times. [9 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CRAB LEFT CLAW

Start at body edge.
Cast on 6 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn E.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K1, (kfb) 4 times, K1. [10 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 K1, (kfb, K2, kfb) twice, K1. [14 sts]
Row 5 Purl.
Row 6 K1, (kfb, K4, kfb) twice, K1. [18 sts]





Row 7 P9, transfer rem 9 unworked sts onto holder. [9 sts]**
Rows 8 to 9 Starting on a RS knit row, work in st st.
Row 10 K2, ssk, K1, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]
Rows 11 to 13 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 14 K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

With WS facing, return held 9 sts to needle and rejoin Yarn E.
Next row (WS) Purl.
Next row K2, ssk, K1, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]
Next row Purl.
Next row K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

CRAB RIGHT CLAW

Work as given for Crab Left Claw as far as **. [9 sts]
Row 8 K2, ssk, K1, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]
Row 9 Purl.
Row 10 K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.
With WS facing, return held 9 sts to needle and rejoin Yarn E.
Starting on a WS purl row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row K2, ssk, K1, k2tog, K2. [7 sts]
Starting on a WS purl row, work 3 rows in st st.
Next row K1, ssk, K1, k2tog, K1. [5 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

FLOAT

Start at top edge.
Cast on 8 sts using 3.5mm needles and Yarn B.
Row 1 (WS) Purl.
Row 2 K1, (kfb) 6 times, K1. [14 sts]
Row 3 Purl.
Row 4 K1, (kfb, K1) 6 times, K1. [20 sts]
Rows 5 to 6 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Break Yarn B and join Yarn F.
Rows 7 to 10 Starting on a WS purl row, work in st st.
Row 11 (P2tog) 10 times. [10 sts]
Break yarn and thread through rem sts. Pull tight to fasten.

MAKING UP

Note Lightly stuff the fish and crabs so they are light enough to be picked up by the magnet; you may need to experiment with the magnet to get the correct amount of stuffing.
Pond For sides (wreath cover), sew cast-on and cast-off edges tog, taking care not to twist. Place ring over wreath form and sew side edges tog at back. Pin Pond Base onto underside (flat back) of wreath so that RS faces inside the wreath, and keep it taut so that base does not sag. Use a running backstitch to sew base onto wreath cover around edges.
Reeds Use yarn tails to sew each straight side edge onto top of wreath cover evenly spaced around.
Baskets Gather cast-off sts tog and sew side edges tog. Weave in tails on inside.
Rod and Float For Float, sew side edges tog adding stuffing as you go, and gather cast-on sts tog at top. Knot a length of cord on top of Float, and tie other end around rod. Add a spot of glue over knots to keep them in place. Glue magnet onto bottom of Float.
Rod and Hook Knot a length of cord on top of plastic 'S' hook, and tie other end around rod. Add a spot of glue over knots to keep them in place.
Goldfish and Trout Sew side edges of each body tog, adding a little stuffing as you go. Sew short cast-on edge at bottom of the body onto tail. Insert a split ring through gathered cast-off sts at top of head. Glue an eye on each side of head.
Crab For body, sew side edges tog, stuffing as you go, and gather cast-on sts tog at bottom of body. For each claw, sew side edges tog (these are not stuffed) and sew cast-on edge onto underside of body. Glue on eyes, and insert a split ring through gathered cast-off sts at top of body.

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