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a great place to start as we've provided all the yarn you need for free. Find the patterns in your bonus booklet, along with 11 other great gift ideas.

Before you commit yourself to too many festive knits check out our cautionary tales from readers on the perils of Christmas knitting, including Sewing Bee winner Charlotte Walford's lament on knitting socks for a husband with massive feet! You'll find it, along with some great tips for easing the burden, on page 62.

Feeling lucky this month? Turn to page 72, where we have over £3,000 of goodies to be won, including three amazing Stylecraft bundles worth £149. Plus we've got more great offers for you throughout the mag including 20% off at Wool & The Gang and a free pattern download. Just the treat you need after all that Christmas knitting!

We would love to see your makes from this issue - find the details below for how to get in touch. Happy knitting

**Sarah**  
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## Your Fab Knits



*LK reader Christine Rome has been super speedy and knitted up Jane Burns' Santa cushion from last issue. We think it looks brilliant. Well done, Christine!*

## Yarn NEWS!

Get yarn delivered to your door every month with Wool 'n' Stuff's new subscription box! Each Yarnaholic box comes with luxury yarn and exclusive patterns, and there are different options for knitting and crochet. They cost £27.99 per month with free postage, so why not ask Santa for one this Christmas? To learn more and for the terms and conditions, call **01924 565740** or go to [www.woolnstuff.co.uk/products/subscription-box](http://www.woolnstuff.co.uk/products/subscription-box)





...TO KNIT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS, INDULGE IN COSY YARNS AND SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!

### Purrfect kitty

We love Louise Watling's knitted kitty in a festive red sweater! Find the easy-knit pattern on page 31!



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It's scarf season and this charming design from Sarah Hatton is free to download at [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)

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### 3 CROCHET FESTIVE DECORATIONS

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# Look what's... New for you!



**Heidi Wilkins** brings you all the latest knitty news



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## StyleCraft Giveaway

Look alive knitters, as Stylecraft has announced its daily bumper Advent giveaway! Prizes such as subscriptions and special gifts from bloggers are up for grabs on the brand's facebook page, so be sure to enter every day. To kick it all off, Stylecraft is sharing this beautiful corsage pattern, free to download from [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)

## New CRAFT STORE!

Knitters, we've got some exciting news, there's a new craft store on the scene (hoorah!) The site is jam packed with adorable craft kits for toys and garments alike, including these jolly elves. You're certain to find a new project for the festive season! Once you've knitted everything in LK, grab yourself some new kits from there. [www.craftstoreuk.com](http://www.craftstoreuk.com)

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The box, named Melodie, includes eight colourful pairs of zing needles in a range of sizes, alongside knitting accessories. There's even a beautiful pair of knitted earrings, sure to jazz up any winter outfit. It costs £60, for a list of stockists please visit the website at [www.knitpro.eu](http://www.knitpro.eu)



## The Charity WE LOVE

### CARRY THE FUTURE

Carry The Future is an American based charity which has helped over 4000 refugee families across the world, and this Christmas, it requires the help of us knitters! The organisation is looking for donations of handmade blankets approximately 32" x 32" - 48" x 48", as well as baby hats, gloves, and sweaters for ages 0 - 24 months. These items will be included in the charity's baby boxes that are distributed throughout refugee camps in Greece. All donations to be received by the end of the year at: **Carry The Future, c/o Little GEMs, 243 Victoria Park Road, London E9 7HD.** For more information please contact [Erin@carrythefuture.org](mailto:Erin@carrythefuture.org)





## SNUG style

We're feeling spoilt for choice at Let's Knit, as Sirdar announces the release of three new yarns, and accompanying patterns! The new yarns, Gorgeous, Aura and Wild, are all unique in their texture and composition, but all equally suitable for creating beautiful garments. This striking poncho was crocheted using Aura in shade 133 Marni, and the pattern is available separately. For stockist information and to find out more, call **01924 371501** or visit [www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)

## Festive Flamingoes

Exotic animals aren't what you'd normally associate with Christmas, but James C. Brett's new line of crocheted toys, which includes a flamingo and an elephant, make for the most adorable stocking fillers. The collection is made from James C Brett's Flutterby, one of the softest yarns we know, which makes these cuddly toys perfect for little ones. For stockist information and to find out more, call **01274 565959** or email [sales@jamescbrett.co.uk](mailto:sales@jamescbrett.co.uk)



## We asked our readers...

WHO DO YOU LIKE TO KNIT FOR MOST?

*"I love gift knitting for babies. There's nothing as cute as seeing a baby snuggled up in a hand-knit. So adorable"*

MICHELLE BOLGER

*"I love knitting blankets for my sons, scarves for my mom, tiny baby hats for the hospital, and complicated designs for myself."*

SANDY DAVIS

*"I enjoy knitting scarves. The other year I made over 30 for Christmas gifts."*

TRACY NOLL

*"I knit for my nephew, friends & family. Plus lots of tiny hats for preemies & newborns at the hospitals"*

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## Knit Kit Gifts



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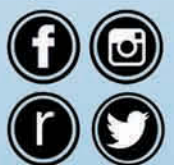
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**S**ometimes you just have to let the yarn do the talking and this simple lace pattern is a great example. Designed by Pat Menchini, the shape is a pretty standard sweater template, but it's the sequin yarn and well-positioned eyelets that make it really special. If you have some yarn left over, you can make a matching neck tie like we have here!

*"If you're using a smooth yarn, you'll be able to use an i-cord for the neck ties, but if you've got a sequin yarn it'll be easier to follow the pattern"*

LK Deputy Editor, **Adrienne Chandler**

## Measurements & Sizes

**Dress size (approx):** 6-8 (10-12, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26, 28-30)  
**To fit chest (cm):** 76-81 (86-91, 94-99, 104-109, 114-119, 122-127, 132-137)  
**Actual bust (cm):** 84 (93, 102, 112, 121, 130, 139)  
**Length from shoulder (cm):** 60 (62, 62, 63, 63, 64, 64)  
**Sleeve length:** 44cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** King Cole Galaxy DK, shade 1881 Crocus, 5 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8) 50g balls  
**Needles:** 3.25mm straight and circular, 4mm straight  
**Stitch holders**  
**Buttons:** bobble-style, four  
**Tapestry needle**  
**Stitch markers**

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**King Cole Galaxy DK** mixes 31% wool, 65% acrylic and 4% soft payette sequins for a real show-stopper yarn. You can wash it in the machine but do not iron. It costs £3.19 per 50g (175m) ball from [www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

If you'd prefer a more understated look, try a smooth yarn like **Wendy Merino DK**. It knits to a standard tension and costs £3.49 per 50g (116m) ball from **01829 740903**, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

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## knitwise

When you're slipping your stitches for the double decrease during the lace pattern, slip your stitch knitwise. However, all other slipped stitches, like those on the shaping for the top of the sleeves, should be slipped purlwise to give you the neatest finish.

## Start knitting here...

### FRONT

Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 93 (103, 113, 123, 133, 143, 153) sts

- Row 1 (RS): k2, [p1, k1] to last st, k1
- Row 2: [k1, p1] to last st, k1

These two rows set rib

- Work 16 more rows in rib \*\*

Change to 4mm needles and commence patt as follows:

- Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work in st st
- Row 5: k2, [yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k7] to last st, k1
- Rows 6, 8 and 10: p
- Row 7: k4, [yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k7] to last nine sts, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k6
- Row 9: k6, [yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k7] to last seven sts, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k4
- Row 11: k8, [yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, yfwd, k7] to last five sts, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k2
- Row 12: p

These 12 rows set patt

- Cont in patt until work meas 40cm from top of rib, measured through centre of work and ending after a WS row

### Shape left neck

- Next row: patt 29 (33, 37, 41, 44, 48, 52) sts, turn

Pm in centre of last group of sts, cont on this group of sts for left half of neck

- Dec one st at neck edge on next six rows, then on four foll alt rows.

19 (23, 27, 31, 34, 38, 42) sts

- Cont without shaping until work meas 15 (17, 17, 18, 18, 19, 19) cm from marker ending at side edge

### Shape left shoulder

- Loosely cast off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) sts at beg of next and two foll alt rows.

4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9) sts

- Patt one row
- Cast off

### Shape right neck and shoulder

- With RS facing slip next 35 (37, 39, 41, 45, 47, 49) sts on to a holder
- Rejoin yarn to rem 29 (33, 37, 41, 44, 48, 52) sts, patt to end
- Complete to match left neck and shoulder

### BACK

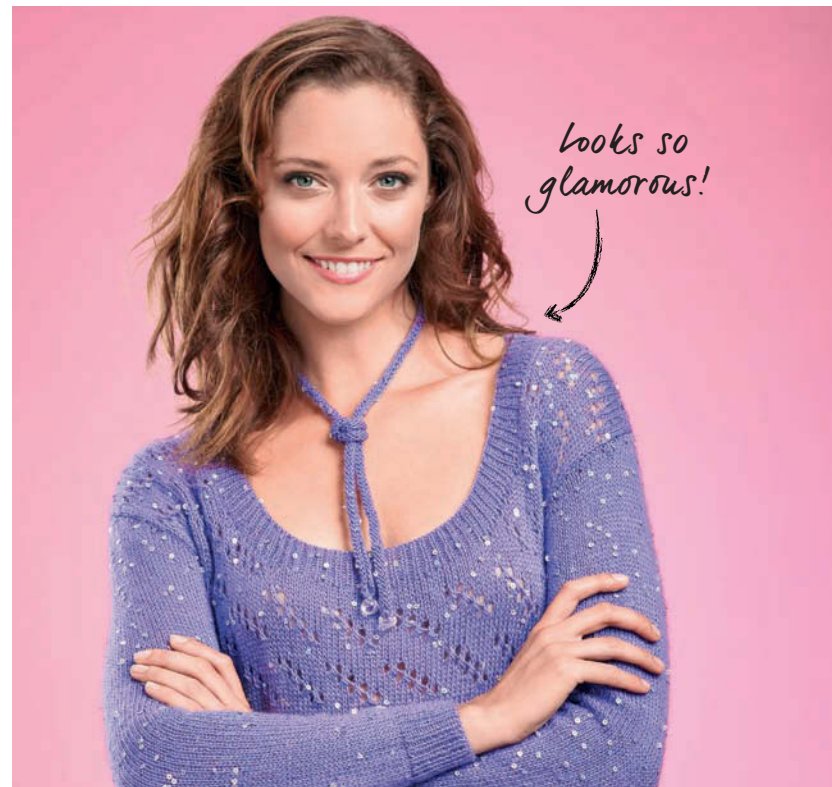
- Omitting neck shaping, work as for Front to shoulder shaping ending after a WS row

### Shape shoulders

- Loosely cast off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) sts at beg of next six rows, then 4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows.

55 (57, 59, 61, 65, 67, 69) sts

Slip rem sts on a holder-



### SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 43 (45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55) sts

- Work as for Front to \*\*
- Change to 4mm needles
- Beg with a k row, work in st st

**AT THE SAME TIME** inc one st at each end of next row, then on every foll 8th (6th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 4th, 4th) row until there are 55 (51, 61, 79, 71, 69, 77) sts, then on every foll 10th (8th, 8th, 8th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row until there are 67 (73, 77, 83, 87, 93, 97) sts

- Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 44cm at centre, ending after a p row

### Shape top

**NOTE: slip sts firmly so you do not stretch sts**

- Row 1: k to last five sts, turn
- Row 2: sl 1, p to last five sts, turn
- Rows 3-4: sl 1, patt to last ten sts, turn
- Rows 5-6: sl 1, patt to last 15 sts, turn
- Rows 7-8: sl 1, patt to last 20 sts, turn
- Rows 9-10: sl 1, patt to last 25 sts, turn
- Rows 11-12: sl 1, patt to last 30 sts, turn
- Row 13: sl 1, k to end
- Cast off

### NECK TIE (make two)

Using 3.25mm circular needles, loosely cast on 200 sts

Do not join in the rnd

- Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Cast off loosely

### NECKBAND

Join left shoulder

- Using 3.25mm circular needle and with RS facing, k across sts from Back neck, pick up and k 44 (47, 47, 50, 51, 55, 55) sts evenly down left Front neck, k across centre Front sts, pick up and k 45 (48, 48, 51, 52, 56, 56) sts evenly up right Front neck.

179 (189, 193, 203, 213, 225, 229) sts

- Beg with Row 2, work ten rows in rib as for Back
- Cast off firmly in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Join right shoulder. Sew in sleeves. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew a button to each end of Neck tie strips. Tie them loosely round neck with a double knot **LK**

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

### To fit chest (cm):

81 (86, 91, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

### Actual chest (cm):

90 (95, 100, 105, 110, 120, 125, 130)

### Length to Back Neck (cm):

51 (52, 52, 54, 55, 55, 57, 57)

### Sleeve length (cm):

43 (46, 46, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Cygnet Bumper Bouclé, shade 5533 Dock, 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9) 100g balls

**Needles:** 8mm

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 8 sts x 14 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 8mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Cygnet Bumper Bouclé** is a super chunky acrylic yarn that has a wonderfully bouncy bouclé texture. It costs £3.60 per 100g (60m) ball from **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.com](http://www.wool4less.com)

## knitwise

Raglan sleeves make for an easy-to-wear comfy sweater. The decreases run diagonally from the underarm to the neckline and the shape matches the sleeves making the seams easy to sew. The stitches from the front, back and sleeves are left on holders, then picked back up to work the neckband.

**Everyone who's touched this jumper at LK HQ has marvelled at its softness. The bouclé finish not only adds texture but makes it light and lofty to wear. It's quick and easy to knit too as the front and back are identical. You may want to keep a row counter handy though as the stitches are less defined than on a smooth yarn.**

## Start knitting here..

### BACK AND FRONT (alike)

Using 8mm needles, cast on 38 (40, 42, 44, 46, 50, 52, 54) sts

□ Row 1 (RS): [k1, p1] to end  
This row sets rib

□ Work seven rows more in rib  
Commence Main patt as follows:

□ Row 1 (RS): k3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5), p2, k2, p2, k20 (22, 24, 24, 26, 30, 30, 32), p2, k2, p2, k3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5)

□ Row 2: p3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5), k2, p2, k2, p20 (22, 24, 24, 26, 30, 30, 32), k2, p2, k2, p3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5)

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 34cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

### Shape raglans

□ Keeping patt correct cast off 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next two rows. 32 (34, 36, 36, 38, 42, 42, 44) sts

□ Next row (RS): p2, k2, p2, ssk, k to last eight sts, k2tog, p2, k2, p2.

30 (32, 34, 34, 36, 40, 40, 42) sts

□ Next row: k2, p2, k2, p to last six sts, k2, p2, k2

□ Next row: p2, k2, p2, k to last six

sts, p2, k2, p2

□ Next row: k2, p2, k2, p to last six sts, k2, p2, k2

□ Rep last four rows 1 (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0) times more

□ Next row (RS): p2, k2, p2, ssk, k to last eight sts, k2tog, p2, k2, p2. 26 (28, 32, 30, 32, 38, 36, 40) sts

□ Next row: k2, p2, k2, p to last six sts, k2, p2, k2

□ Rep last two rows until 14 (14, 14, 14, 16, 16, 16) sts rem, ending after a WS row

Leave sts on a holder

### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 8mm needles, cast on 18 (18, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22) sts.

□ Row 1 (RS): [k1, p1] to end

This row sets rib

□ Rep last row five times more

□ Beg with a k row, work in st st **AT THE SAME TIME** inc as set below on Row 5 and every 10th (8th, 8th, 8th, 8th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row until there are 28 (30, 32, 32, 34, 36, 38, 38) sts

□ Inc row (RS): k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1

□ Cont in st st without shaping until work meas 43 (46, 46, 46, 46, 47, 47, 48) cm from cast-on edge, ending after a WS row

### Shape raglans

□ Cast off 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next two rows. 22 (24, 26, 24, 26, 28, 28, 28) sts

□ Next row: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog  
□ Work three rows in st st without shaping

□ Rep last four rows 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 4, 5, 5) times more. 14 (16, 18, 12, 14, 18, 16, 16) sts

□ Next row: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog

□ Work one row in st st without shaping

□ Rep last two rows 2 (3, 3, 0, 1, 3, 2, 2) times. 8 (8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10) sts

Place sts on a holder

### NECKBAND

□ Using 8mm needles and with RS facing, beg at Back left raglan, k





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## meet our DESIGNER

"This is a cosy jumper for the winter, knitted in an on-trend bouclé yarn that's easy to knit and grows super quick!"

JO ALLPORT

Sleeve sts as folls: k7 (7, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9), p last Sleeve st tog with first Front st, p1, k2, p2, k2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4), p2, k2, p1, p last Front st tog with first Sleeve st, k6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8), p last Sleeve st tog with First back st, p1, k2, p2, k2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4), p2, k2, p2. 41 (41, 45, 45, 45,

49, 49, 49) sts

□ Next row (WS): \* k2, p2, k2, p2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4), k2, p2, k2, p6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8), rep from \* once more, p1

□ Next row: k1, \* k6 (6, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8), p2, k2, p2, k2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4), p2, k2, p2, rep from \* once more

□ Rep last two rows six times more

□ Cast off in patt

### TO MAKE UP

Sew raglans and Neckband seams. Sew Sleeve and side seams. Weave in ends. See ball band for further care instructions **LK**

**W**hen the weather is dark and dreary this season, make sure you stand out from the crowd in these bright and fun mittens. Knitted in a basic repeating stitch pattern, these mittens are simple to master, with the self-striping yarn doing all the difficult colourwork for you!

### Measurements & sizes

To fit medium adult

### Tension square

22 sts x 30 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
st st  
4mm needles

### You will need:

#### YARN:

Stylecraft Cabaret DK, shade  
3572 Rainbow, one 100g ball

#### NEEDLES:

4mm

### Start knitting here

#### MITTENS

(make two)

Using 4mm needles, cast on 90 sts

\* Row 1: (k1, p1) to end.

This row sets rib

\* Row 2-20: as Row 1

\* Row 21: k1, (k2tog) to last st,  
k1. 44 sts

\* Row 22: k1, (k1, kfb) to last st,  
k1. 90 sts

\* Row 23: k

\* Row 24: p

\* Rep last four rows 18 more times

\* Work six rows in rib

\* Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Sew side seams together, leaving a gap for the thumbhole **LK**

## YARN SHOP

Stylecraft Cabaret DK costs £4.49 per 100g (230m) ball from 01789 773021, [www.wisebadger.com](http://www.wisebadger.com)

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# Part 8: THE FAIR ISLE SWEATER

Have a go at colourwork with **Penny Hill's** yoke-style top

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Give a nod to ski-slope chic with our great introduction to colourwork. Taking its lead from the traditional yoke design of Scandinavian heritage knits, Penny's purple sweater is mostly worked in plain stocking stitch but features stranded colour patterns around the base, sleeve cuffs and yoke. Read our Knitwise panel overleaf to find out more about the technique.



- Flattering yoke design
- Swiss darning
- Easy Fair Isle
- Cut out and keep!

## Measurements & sizes

### Dress size (approx):

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

### To fit chest (cm):

82 (87, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112)

### Actual chest (cm):

90 (97, 104.5, 111.5, 119, 126, 133.5)

### Length to shoulder (cm):

52 (53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60)

### Sleeve length (cm):

33cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, shades (A) 74 Cyclamen, 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) 50g balls, (B) 02 Ecru, (C) 71 Jade, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm circular, 3.75mm straight, 4mm straight and circular

### Tapestry needle

### Stitch holder

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

## Special abbreviations

**Working wrap tog with st:** on a k row: insert RH needle up through the wrap then into the st, k st and wrap tog

**Working wrap tog with st:** on a p row: slip wrapped st from LH to RH needle, insert LH needle into wrap, return st to LH and p wrap tog with st

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

Debbie Bliss Rialto DK is made from 100% merino wool and is soft, smooth and easy to knit with. It can be machine washed but do not tumble dry. It costs £5.49 per 50g (105m) ball from **0845 519 4573, www.deramores.com**

To get 15% off all orders at Deramores, use the code 5501

## Need an alternative?

Animal fibres naturally bind together giving a good finish on colourwork projects. **Rico Essentials Merino DK** is a similar yarn that costs £3.95 per 50g (120m) ball from **01376 743123, www.sconch.com**

## knitwise

When you're working the Fair Isle charts, you'll be stranding (carrying two colours across the row at once). Tension one colour over your index finger and one over your middle. When changing colour, bring the contrasting shade, in this case yarns C or B, up from underneath yarn A. To change back to the first colour, bring yarn A over the top of your contrast colour. Keep track of which colour is carried above the other and make sure you don't pull the stranded yarn too tightly or your work will pucker.

## Start knitting here..

### BACK

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on 99 (107, 115, 123, 131, 139, 147) sts

□ Row 1: k1, [p1, k1] to end

Cut yarn B, join yarn A

□ Row 2: p1, [k1, p1] to end

These two rows set rib

□ Cont in yarn A only, work ten more rows in rib

Change to 4mm needles

□ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st

Commence Chart A as folls, noting that 'v' sts on Chart will be Swiss darned later:

□ Starting in 1st (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1st, 2nd) st, work Row 1 of Chart A, working ten-st rep 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) times, work next 5 (4, 3, 2, 1, 5, 4) sts from Chart

□ Starting in 1st (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 1st, 2nd) st, work Row 2 of Chart A, working ten-st rep 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14) times, work next 4 (3, 2, 1, 0, 4, 3) sts from Chart

These two rows set position of Chart

□ Cont as set working next row of Chart until Chart Row 6 has been completed

□ Beg with a k row and using yarn A only, cont in st st until work meas 30cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

### Shape raglans

□ Cast off 4 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) sts at beg of next two rows. 91 (95, 99, 103, 107, 111, 115) sts

□ Work two rows in st st

□ Next row (dec): k2, skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p to end \*\*

□ Rep last two rows 10 (12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22) times, then dec row again. 67 sts

□ Next row: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 65 sts

Leave rem sts on a holder

### FRONT

□ Work as for Back to \*\*

□ Rep last two rows 5 (7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17) times. 79 sts

### Shape Front neck

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k15, w&t. 18 sts

□ Next row: p to end

□ Next row: k2, skpo, k to last two sts before gap, w&t

□ Rep last two rows four times more

□ Next row: p1, p2tog. 12 sts

Leave these 12 sts on a holder

□ With RS facing place centre 41 sts on a holder, rejoin yarn to rem 19 sts, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p to last two sts, w&t

□ Next row: k to last four sts, k2tog, k2

□ Next row: p to last two sts before gap, w&t

□ Rep last two rows three times more, then first row again

□ Next row: p2tog, p1

Leave all 65 sts on a holder

### SLEEVES

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn C, cast on 49 (55, 61, 67, 73, 79, 85) sts

□ Row 1: k1, [p1, k1] to end

Cut yarn B, join yarn A

□ Row 2: p1, [k1, p1] to end

These two rows set rib

□ Cont in yarn A only, work ten rows in rib

Change to 4mm needles

□ Beg with a k row, work two rows in in st st

Commence Chart C as folls, noting that 'v' sts on Chart will be Swiss darned later:

□ Starting in 4th (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 3rd, 2nd) st, work Row 1 of Chart C, working eight-st rep 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10) times, work next 1 (4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3) sts from Chart

□ Starting in 4th (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1st, 2nd) st, work Row 2 of Chart C, working eight-st rep 6 (6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10) times, work next 0 (3, 2, 1, 0, 3, 2) sts from Chart

These two rows set position of patt

□ Cont as set working next row of Chart until Chart Row 5 has been completed

Cont in yarn A only

□ Work three rows in st st

□ Next row (inc): k3, m1, k to last three sts, m1, k3

□ Work five rows in st st

□ Rep last six rows nine times more, then inc row again. 71 (77, 83, 89, 95, 101, 107) sts

□ Cont without shaping until Sleeve meas 33cm from cast-on edge, ending after a p row

### Shape raglan

□ Cast off 4 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16) sts at beg of next two rows. 63 (65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75) sts

### Second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sizes only

□ Next row (dec): k2, skpo, k to last four sts,

CHART A

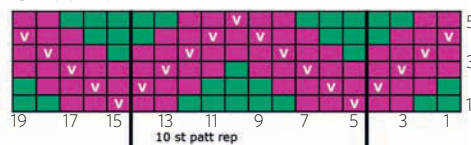


CHART C

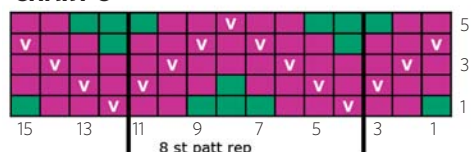
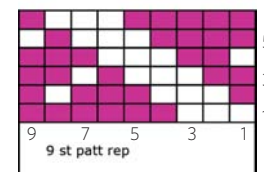


CHART B



KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn C
- Yarn B
- v Swiss darned stitch

k2tog, k2

- Next row: p
- Next row: k
- Next row: p
- Rep last four rows - (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) times. 63 sts

### All sizes

- Next row (dec): k2, skpo, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2
  - Next row: p
  - Rep last two rows 11 times, then dec row again. 37 sts
  - Next row: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 35 sts
- Leave these 35 sts on a holder

### YOKE

Join raglan seams

**NOTE: work wrapped sts tog with wraps and read all Chart rows from right to left, noting that 'v' sts on Charts A and C will be Swiss darned later**

- Using 4mm circular needle, k35 from left sleeve, k65 from Front, k35 from right sleeve, k65 from Back, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd. 200 sts
  - Rnd 1: work ten-st patt rep of Row 1 of Chart A to end
  - Rnds 2-6: work Rows 2-6 of Chart A to end
  - Rnd 7: using yarn A, k
  - Rnd 8 (dec): using yarn A [k8, k2tog] to end. 180 sts
  - Rnd 9: using yarn A, k
  - Rnd 10: work nine-st patt rep of Row 1 of Chart B to end
  - Rnds 11-15: work Rows 2-5 of Chart B to end
  - Rnd 16: using yarn A, k
  - Rnd 17 (dec): using yarn A, [k7, k2tog] to end. 160 sts
  - Rnd 18: using yarn A, k
  - Rnd 19: work eight-st patt rep of Row 1 of Chart C to end
  - Rnds 20-23: work Rows 2-5 of Chart C to end
- Change to yarn A only
- Rnd 24: k
  - Rnd 25 (dec): [k6, k2tog] to end. 140 sts
  - Rnds 26-30: k
  - Rnd 31 (dec): [k5, k2tog] to end. 120 sts
  - Rnd 32-36: k
  - Rnd 37 (dec): [k4, k2tog] to end. 100 sts
  - Rnd 38-40: k to end
- Change to 3.25mm circular needle
- Rnds 41-45: [k1, p1] to end
- Cut yarn A, change to yarn B
- Next rnd: k
  - Cast off in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Join side and sleeve seams. Swiss darn white stitches as shown on Charts A and C **LK**

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# STYLE

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*This month Heidi Wilkins finds the best gifts for knitters*

## COSY KNITWEAR



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## IN THE BAG



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## SECRET SANTA

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Keep your loved ones toasty this winter by knitting them this colourful, cosy scarf. It's perfect for wintry walks and Christmas carolling duties. Debbie Bliss pattern 033 costs £3.50 from **0845 419 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)



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**Wendy Supreme Cotton Silk DK** is a luxurious blend of silk and cotton, which work together to create this unique flecked yarn. It is available in a range of fun colours for £6.15 per 100g (201m) ball from **0845 544 1296**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

**Debbie Bliss Lhasa** is an exquisite blend of cashmere and yak, making for a chunky yet beautifully soft yarn. As a luxury yarn whose feel and shape will last, it's perfect for small accessories and investment pieces. It costs £22.95 per 50g (100m) skein from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

# Yuletide Blessings

Knit an everlasting yule log and robin with **Susie Johns'** traditional decoration

## Measurements & Sizes

**Base:** 24cm x 16cm

**Log:** 16cm long

**Robin:** 11.5cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rico Essentials Merino DK, shades (A) 61 Beige, (B) 56 Dark Brown, (C) 05 Red, (D) 60 Natural, one 50g ball of each

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

**Stitch holder**

**Tapestry needle**

**Thick cardboard**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Wire:** 12cm long, two piece

For abbreviations see page 92

## Tension Square

- 26 sts x 36 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3mm needles

## About the Yarn

**Rico Essentials Merino DK** is both soft and smooth and has a lovely stitch definition for a wool yarn. Although it is machine washable, we'd suggest carefully dabbing this project with a damp cloth. The yarn costs £3.95 per 50g (120m) ball from **01376 743123**, [www.sconch.com](http://www.sconch.com)

## Need an Alternative?

Any smooth DK yarn will work for this project. As just one ball of each shade is needed, why not see what's in your yarn stash?

## knitwise

When you are instructed to "turn" midway through a row, simply swap the needles over in your hands so the other side is facing you. Leave the rest of the stitches from that row unworked and continue back across the stitches you've just knitted or purled.

**T**his delightful yule log is neither to be eaten nor put on the fire, but knitted and admired for years to come, and we're sure it will be too. The log and base are really simple to make, while the robin is a bit more detailed.

He's mostly knitted in the round and the legs are made from wire wrapped with yarn. We suggest using florists' wire for this as it's easy to bend. He'd also make a great decoration in his own right!

## Start knitting here...

### LOG

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on five sts  
 Rows 1-2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts  
 Row 3 and all odd-numbered rows: k  
 Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts  
 Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts  
 Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 50 sts  
 Row 10: (k4, kfb) to end. 60 sts  
 Cut yarn A and join in yarn B

### Bark

Next row: \* p2, k1, rep from \* to end  
 Next row: \* p1, k2, rep from \* to end  
 Rep last two rows until work meas 16cm  
 Cut yarn B and join in yarn A

### Shape end

Row 1: (k4, k2tog) to end. 50 sts  
 Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: k  
 Row 3: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts  
 Row 5: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts  
 Row 7: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts  
 Row 9: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts  
 Row 11: (k2tog) to end. Five sts  
 Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem five sts, pull tight and fasten off

### SNOW

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn D, cast on 12 sts  
 \*\* Rows 1-2: k

Row 3: kfb in first st, k to end. 13 sts  
 Rep Row 3 five times more.  
 18 sts  
 K three rows  
 Next row: k2tog, k to end. 17 sts  
 Rep last row five times more.  
 12 sts  
 Next row: k  
 Rep from \*\* three times more  
 Cast off

### BASE

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on 52 sts  
 Work in garter st (k every row) until work meas 32cm  
 Cast off

### ROBIN

#### HEAD AND BODY

**NOTE: patt starts at top of head**  
 Using 3.25mm dpns and yarn C, cast on six sts and distribute evenly between three needles  
 Rnd 1: (kfb) to end. 12 sts  
 Rnd 2: k  
 Rnd 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts  
 Rnd 4: k  
 Rnd 5: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts  
 K six rnds  
 Rnd 12: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts  
 Rnd 13: k  
 Rnd 14: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts  
 Rnd 15: k  
 Rnd 16: (k5, kfb) to end. 42 sts

#### Shape breast

**NOTE: worked using short-row shaping (see Knitwise panel)**  
 Row 1: k38, turn

Row 2: p34, turn  
 Row 3: k32, turn  
 Row 4: p30, turn  
 Row 5: k28, turn  
 Row 6: p26, turn  
 Row 7: k24, turn  
 Row 8: p22, turn  
 Row 9: k20, turn  
 Row 10: p18, turn  
 Row 11: k30, do not turn  
 Resume working in rnds as folls  
 Rnd 1: k  
 Join in yarn A  
**NOTE: letter foll each instruction indicates yarn shade**  
 Rnd 2: \* k1 A, k1 C, rep from \* to end  
 Cut yarn C, cont in yarn A only  
 K ten rnds  
 Rnd 13: (k5, k2tog) six times. 36 sts  
 K two rnds  
 Rnd 16: (k4, k2tog) six times. 30 sts  
 Rnd 17: k  
 Rnd 18: (k3, k2tog) six times. 24 sts  
 Rnd 19: k  
 Rnd 20: (k2, k2tog) six times. 18 sts



meet our DESIGNER

"The base is made from thick cardboard, but if you are planning to store the finished item and bring it out year after year, you may want to use hardboard or plywood instead."  
 SUSIE JOHNS

"This project uses smaller needles than you'd usually expect for a DK yarn to create a nice, firm fabric."

LK Deputy Editor,  
**Adrienne Chandler**

CLASSIC  
CHRISTMAS  
CENTRE-PIECE

Embroider the  
rings using  
chain stitches!



“The legs are made from wire then wrapped with yarn - we think they look great!”

LK Deputy Editor,  
Adrienne Chandler

- Row 2: (kfb) twice. Four sts
- Rows 3: p
- Row 4: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Six sts
- Row 5: p
- Rows 6-7: rep Rows 4-5. Eight sts
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew seam of Log, stuffing as you go. Sew running stitch around cast-on row, then pull tight to gather. Fasten off yarn. Using yarn B, embroider circles of small chain stitches to look like the rings of a tree. Position Snow on Log so it covers seam and stitch in place. Cut cardboard 24cm x 16cm and fold Base piece around it. Sew around remaining three sides. Sew running stitch around cast-on row for Robin's Head and body and pull to gather. Stuff body firmly. Stitch seam on Tail then cut cardboard to fit. Insert card into Tail then insert Tail into base of Body and sew to secure. Sew side seam of Beak and stitch to face. Using yarn B, embroider eyes, as shown. Wrap Back piece around Head and body and sew in place. Attach Wings. Bend one end of each length of wire into a foot shape with three toes, leaving the raw end pointing down to secure into Log. Wrap yarn tightly around wire until Leg and foot part is completely covered, leaving section to be inserted into Log uncovered. Insert top of Leg into base of body, securing with a dot of glue. Insert uncovered end of wire into Log **LK**

- Rnd 21: (k1, k2tog) six times. 12 sts
- Cast off

## BACK

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on two sts

- Row 1: (kfb) twice. Four sts
- Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- Row 3: k1, m1, k2, m1, k1. Six sts
- Row 5: k1, m1, k4, m1, k1. Eight sts
- Row 7: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. Ten sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 13: k1, m1, k8, m1, k1. 12 sts
- Row 15: k1, m1, k5, m1, k5, m1, k1. 15 sts
- Row 17: k1, m1, k6, m1, k1, m1, k6, m1, k1. 19 sts
- Row 19: k1, m1, k6, m1, k5, m1, k6, m1, k1. 23 sts
- Beg with a p row, work 15 rows in st st

- Next row: k1, skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog, k1. 21 sts
- Next row: p
- Rep last two rows four times more. 13 sts
- Next row: k1, skpo, k2, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k2, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- Next row: p3, p3tog, p3. Seven sts
- Cast off

## TAIL

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on 12 sts

- Beg with a k row, work 20 rows in st st
- Cast off

## WING (make two)

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on three sts

- Row 1 and all WS rows: p

- Row 2: k1, (m1, k1) twice. Five sts
- Row 4: k2, m1, k1, m1, k2. Seven sts
- Row 6: k3, m1, k1, m1, k3. Nine sts
- Row 8: k4, m1, k1, m1, k4. 11 sts
- Row 10: k1, skpo, k2, m1, k1, m1, k2, k2tog, k1
- Rows 12 and 14: as Row 10
- Row 16: k1, skpo, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- Rows 17-19: cont in st st
- Rep Rows 16-19 twice more. Five sts
- Next row: k1, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k1. Three sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Cast off

## BEAK

Using 3.25mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on two sts

- Row 1 (WS): p

## coming next issue

### LUCINDA GANDERTON'S CUTE AND SPEEDY ELF

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# Lenny *the Cat*

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Knit **Louise Watling's** sweet and simple feline in a weekend!

**C**hristmas gifts don't have to be complicated – as this cute and cuddly cat proves! Lenny is a quick and easy knit that uses basic stitches and simple shaping. He's adorably chubby, which we suspect is down to eating all the office mince pies!

“Make sure Lenny's head, ears, feet and tail are really securely attached, because he's sure to have a lot of playtime adventures!”

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

## Measurements & Sizes

12cm x 23cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Hayfield Bonus DK, shades (A) 816 Wheat, (B) 977 Signal Red, one 100g ball of each, oddments of Black DK

**Needles:** 3mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 26 sts x 36 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Hayfield Bonus DK** is a good value acrylic DK which comes in over 70 shades and is machine washable. This makes it a practical choice for toys. It costs £2.20 per 100g (280m) ball from **0131 558 1747, www.mcadirect.com**

## Need an Alternative?

Why not opt for a glittery yarn for Lenny's jumper? **King Cole Glitz DK** is an acrylic yarn with a metallic polyester thread running throughout. It's available in a jolly red shade or a multi-coloured red, white and green combo! It costs £2.99 per 100g (290m) ball from **www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk**

## knitwise

The embroidering of a toy's face can often make or break a project, so it's always wise to practise your sewn face before you commit to stitching directly onto your toy. Our Lenny has eyes that are close together, giving him a cute expression, but moving them further apart could create a completely different look.



## Start knitting here..

### BODY

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. 24 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 36 sts
- Rows 5-7: cont in st st
- Row 8: (kfb, k2) to end. 48 sts
- Rows 9-11: cont in st st
- Row 12: (kfb, k3) to end. 60 sts
- Beg with a p row, work ten rows in st st

Cut yarn A and join yarn B

- Row 23: p
- Row 24: (k1, p1) to end
- Rows 25-27: as Row 24
- Beg with a k row, work 22 rows in st st
- Row 50: (k2, k2tog) to end. 45 sts
- Rows 51-53: cont in st st
- Row 54: (k1, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
- Row 55: p
- Row 56: (k2tog) to end. 15 sts
- Row 57: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### HEAD

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

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: k4, (kfb) four times, k8, (kfb) four times, k4. 32 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: k4, (kfb, k1) four times, k8, (kfb, k1) four times, k4. 40 sts
- Rows 5-7: cont in st st
- Row 8: k4, (kfb, k2) four times, k8, (kfb, k2) four times, k4. 48 sts
- Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- Row 20: k4, (k2, k2tog) four

times, k8, (k2, k2tog) four times, k4. 40 sts

- Rows 21-23: cont in st st
- Row 24: k4, (k1, k2tog) four times, k8, (k1, k2tog) four times, k4. 32 sts
- Row 25: p
- Row 26: (k2tog) to end. 16 sts
- Row 27: p
- Row 28: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Row 29: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### NOSE

Using 3mm needles and black DK, cast on six sts

- Row 1 (RS): kfb, k4, kfb. Eight sts
- Row 2: p2tog, p4, p2tog. Six sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### EARS (make two)

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

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: kfb, k1. Three sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (kfb) twice, k1. Five sts
- Row 5: p
- Row 6: kfb, k2, kfb, k1. Seven sts
- Row 7: p
- Row 8: kfb, k4, kfb, k1. Nine sts
- Rows 9-13: cont in st st
- Row 14: k2tog, k5, k2tog. Seven sts
- Row 15: p
- Row 16: k2tog, k3, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 17: p
- Row 18: k2tog, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 19: p
- Row 20: k1, k2tog. Two sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### FOOT (make four)

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

- Row 1 (WS): p
- Row 2: (kfb, k1) to end. 15 sts
- Row 3: p
- Row 4: (kfb, k2) to end. 20 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Cast off

### TAIL

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, cast on 12 sts

- Beg with a k row, work 18 rows in st st
- Row 19: (k1, k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Rows 20-22: cont in st st
- Row 23: (k2, k2tog) to end. Six sts
- Row 24: p
- Row 25: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Body, pull to gather then sew row-ends together leaving front edge open. Stuff, then close gap. Sew row ends of Head together. Flatten Head with seam down centre back. Sew seam, stuff, then sew across cast-on edge. Pin Nose in place. Using oddment of black DK, embroider eyes and mouth as shown. Fold Ear in half then sew row-ends. Attach to top of Head. Attach Head to Body. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Foot, pull to gather, then sew row-ends. Stuff, then sew Feet to Body. Sew row-ends of Tail, leave cast-on edge open. Stuff and sew to back of Body **LK**



### TINSEL TOWN

This adorable penguin family prove that tinsel need not stay on the tree! Knitted from King Cole's Tinsel Chunky and Dolly Mix DK, these penguins have a glittery sheen that make them sure to stand out. King Cole pattern 9025 is available for £2.50 from [www.purpleindacrafts.com](http://www.purpleindacrafts.com)



### 3

### TIME FOR TEA

A knitted teapot cosy kit might not have been on your Christmas list this year, but it certainly will be now! This spectacular design depicts the events of Christmas Eve. We can only hope that Santa and his reindeer are this adorable in real life! It's £33 from [www.teacosyfolk.co.uk](http://www.teacosyfolk.co.uk)



### FROSTY THE SNOWMAN

Kids in Christmas jumpers are one of the highlights of the festive season, especially when they're this cute! What better to wear for opening Santa's gifts? Stylecraft pattern 9309 is available for ages 1-11, and costs £2.99 from 0800 505 3300, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



# Christmas CUTE

Get crafty this festive season with these adorable patterns, books and toys!

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### SCANDINAVIAN STYLE

If you're confident knitting in the round, then this gorgeous stocking duo is perfect for you! Featuring traditional Scandinavian design, this pair are sure to add a little cuteness to your fireplace this season. The kit for these two costs £13.49 from [www.thewoolfactoryonline.com](http://www.thewoolfactoryonline.com)

### 6

### WHAT A CARD!

If you're looking to branch out from giving traditional Christmas tree cards, then this knitted project might be ideal for you! Perfect for beginners, this kit includes instructions and materials to create two knitted sheep cards and one knitted tree card, perfect for loved ones! It costs £15 from 0203 318 5115, [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com)



### 5

### MERRY ELF

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### IT'S SNOWING!

If you're planning to a garment like our Lace Detail Sweater on page 69, then these adorable stitch markers will be a life saver! They're available in a wide range of designs, but you can keep it festive with these handy snowflakes. Charmed Knitting stitch markers cost £6.49 from [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)



### POCKET-SIZED PROJECTS

Here at LK we recognise that the smaller a project is, the cuter it is, making this just about the cutest book we've ever come across! These pocket sized knits are great for using up leftover yarn, and make for great stocking fillers! Mini Knitted Christmas is available to buy for £9.99 from 01892 510850, [www.searchpress.com](http://www.searchpress.com)

### FESTIVE FIBRE

Cascade's exciting colourway literally named 'Christmas' will work brilliantly in a number of LK festive projects! With a composition of acrylic and polyester, this hardy yarn is perfect for knitting the mittens on page 18. Cascade Fixation Spray Dyed costs £4.75 per 50g (91m) from 0845 544 2196, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)



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# All present & CORRECT

Make your Christmas gift knits stress-free and easy with our simple patterns and top tips

**W**hen it comes to knitting gifts, it's all about choosing the perfect pattern. Let's be practical, it's not just a case of spotting something the intended recipient will love – although that's a good place to start! It has to be a pattern you know you can knit well, so it doesn't get buried in your unfinished objects drawer. And while Christmas is the same date every year, it does have a habit of sneaking up on an honest crafter, so choose a relatively quick project. There's no-one better to advise on gift knitting than a fellow knitter. They've been there, done it and have learnt the hard way (see page 62!). Read on for some great hints from our brilliant readers!



*Everyone loves to accessorise!*

It's winter, so it's cold. We all need to keep warm so this cowl from the new Katia Concept range is sure to be well received. The pattern is in the Woman 2 Concept magazine or can be bought individually online. Find your nearest stockist at [www.katia.com](http://www.katia.com)

## *Elf & safety is important*

Our fabulous family of knitted elves were designed by the very talented Zoe Halstead. Here, she offers some words of wisdom about making toys for tiny tots: "When knitting toy knits as Christmas gifts for babies and children under three, make sure the yarns and stuffing are machine washable to withstand spills and cuddles! Consider embroidering all features using yarn, embroidery or sewing thread rather than using toy eyes, buttons or beads as these can pose a choking risk." Download the patterns for Bernard, Bernadette, Buddy and Belle for free at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)



*"If you're making garments, especially with unusual or more expensive yarns, tuck in a note about washing and care instructions so all your hard work isn't ruined if the recipient isn't familiar with looking after handmade items."*

LK Reader Ruth Lutt



**Babies love bright colours!**

This fun robot blanket from Cascade Yarns is just the thing for tiny tots. Each of the nine squares is made separately, then sewn together at the end - this makes it a much more manageable project. There's a bit of intarsia colourwork involved but it's definitely worth it. It's knitted in the brand's Anthem yarn, an aran-weight acrylic that's colourful and practical. To find your nearest stockist and download the free pattern, visit [www.cascadeyarns.com](http://www.cascadeyarns.com)

*"If things don't go right then stop have a break (perhaps a cuppa) then go back to your knitting feeling refreshed. Never give up, believe in yourself and you will get there in the end!"*

LK Reader Denise Clennell



**Big is beautiful - and knits quickly too!**

Super chunky yarns are perfect for gifts as you can start and finish a project in just an hour or so. Big and bold accessories are also a winter trend, meaning this super sized hat is just the ticket! It's from Rowan's Big Wool Knits pattern book. To find your nearest stockists, call **01484 950630** or go to [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)

**Homewares can never be too small!**



That's why they make great gifts! This simple teacosy and mug cosy set is made in the super chunky Stylecraft Special XL, so will take next to no time to knit. Find the patterns in the new Stylecraft 194-611 Home collection, which also includes a hot water bottle cover and gadget cases. For stockists, call **01535 609798** or visit [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)



**Choose sparkle!**

This stunning crocheted wrap from Scheepjes is made in the brand's Merino Soft yarn with hundreds of luxurious glass beads. It's designed by Atty Van Norel and is perfect for adding a hint of glitz to grey wintry days. As it's a kit, you get everything you need to make it! It's called Melting Snowflakes and comes in four colourways, including Star, shown here. To find your nearest stockist, visit [www.scheepjes.com](http://www.scheepjes.com)

*"I knit small embellishments or make pompoms which I then incorporate into the wrapping process. If I use a gift bag, I dangle a handknitted stocking from the bag with a folded note tucked inside, instead of using a gift tag. Then the recipient can then hang the stocking from their tree, year after year."*

LK Designer **LYNNE ROWE**



*"The swatch! It may seem like a waste of time, but it will make the difference between 'handmade' and 'homemade'."*

LK Reader **Martha Brown**

## Measurements & Sizes

### Hat:

**Circumference:** 51cm

**Length:** 22cm

### Cowl:

**Circumference (after blocking):** 118cm

**Width (after blocking):** 28cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Drops Cotton Merino, shade 26, Storm Blue, five 50g Balls

**Needles:** 4mm (40cm and 60cm) circular, 4mm, double-pointed

**Stitch marker**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 24 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- over patt
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Drops Cotton Merino** is a great value wool and cotton blend yarn that is light yet drapery and comes in 29 gorgeous shades. It can be machine washed but we'd suggest handwashing this lacy design. It costs £3.10 per 50g (110m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

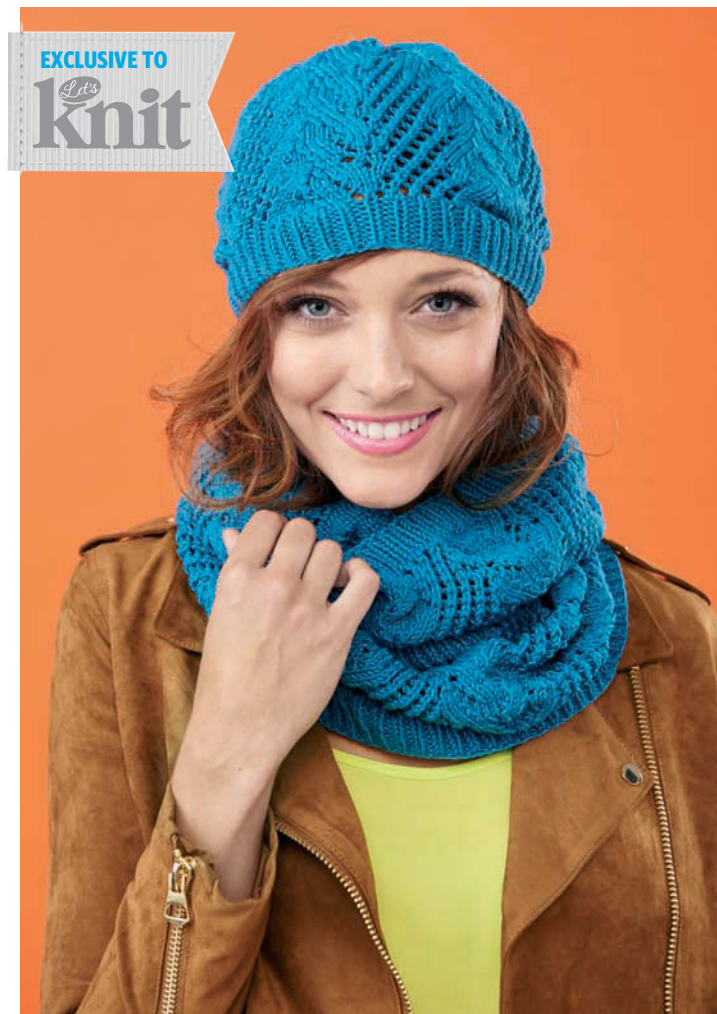
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## Need an Alternative?

**Sirdar Snuggly Baby Bamboo DK** is a mix of 80% bamboo-sourced viscose and 20% wool. It has a lovely drape, great stitch definition and a pretty sheen. It costs £3.70 per 50g (95m) ball from **0131 558 1747**, [www.mcadirect.com](http://www.mcadirect.com)

# Stormy Seas

Have a go at lace and mock cables in **Kelly Menzies'** hat and cowl combo!



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- yfwd, rep from \* to end
- Rnd 5: \* k4, yfwd, k2, (skpo) twice, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) three times, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 7: \* k2, skpo, k4, skpo, k2, yfwd, k1, (yfwd, k2tog) three times, yfwd, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 9: \* yfwd, k2, (skpo, k2) twice, yfwd, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) three times, k1, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 11: \* k2tog, yfwd, k2, (skpo) twice, k2, yfwd, k4, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, yfwd, k1, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 12: k
- Rnds 1-12 set main patt  
□ Rep Rnds 1-12 twice more

## Shape crown

**NOTE:** change to smaller circular then dpns when sts won't fit around larger circular needle

- Rnd 1: \* yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2, skpo, k4, skpo, k2, k2tog, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 108 sts
- Rnd 2 and all alt rnds: k
- Rnd 3: \* k3, yfwd, (k2, skpo) twice, k3, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 102 sts
- Rnd 5: \* k4, yfwd, k2, (skpo) twice, k3, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 96 sts
- Rnd 7: \* k2, skpo, k4, skpo, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, yfwd, rep from \* to end. 90 sts
- Rnd 9: \* yfwd, (k2, skpo) twice, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, k1, rep from \* to end. 84 sts
- Rnd 11: \* k2tog, yfwd, k2, (skpo) twice, k1, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, yfwd,

**W**e never cease to be amazed by the number of great effects you can create with sticks and string – or needles and yarn to be precise. This set uses lace techniques of yarn forward increases and left and right leaning decreases. By choosing the shaped decreases carefully, you can create all sorts of motifs, including this one that looks rather similar to a cable! The yarn amounts given will make both the hat and cowl. The set would be a great gift, or why not keep it for yourself? You deserve it!

## Start knitting here..

### HAT

Using 4mm (60cm) circular needle, cast on 96 st, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

- Rnd 1: (k1, p1) to end

This rnd sets rib

- Rep last rnd until work meas 3cm

- Next rnd (inc): \* rib 5, m1, rep from \* to last six sts, rib to end. 114 sts
- Commence main patt as folls:
- Rnd 1: \* yfwd, k1, yfwd, k2, skpo, k4, skpo, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) three times, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 2 and all alt rnds: k
  - Rnd 3: \* k3, yfwd, k2, (skpo, k2) twice, (yfwd, k2tog) three times,

## knitwise

This pattern indicates repeated sections in two different ways. Small sections to be repeated are shown in brackets, while larger pattern sequences are marked by asterisks. These larger sequences often have smaller repeated sections within them, so make sure you pay close attention to how many times instructions should be worked.



“A make one increase is worked between two stitches. Be sure to use this and not a kfb or the pattern won't work!”

LK Deputy Editor, **Adrienne Chandler**



**NOTE: from this point alt rnds are no longer k rnds**

- Rnd 22: \* skpo, k2, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 42 sts
  - Rnd 23: \* skpo, k1, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 36 sts
  - Rnd 24: \* skpo, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 30 sts
  - Rnd 25: \* k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 24 sts
  - Rnd 26: \* k2tog, yfwd, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 18 sts
  - Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread tail through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Weave in ends

- k1, rep from \* to end. 78 sts
- Rnd 13: \* k1, yfwd, k2, skpo, k2, k2tog, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 72 sts
- Rnd 15: \* k2, yfwd, k2, skpo, k2tog, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 66 sts
- Rnd 17: \* k3, yfwd, (skpo) twice, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 60 sts
- Rnd 19: \* k1, skpo, k3, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 54 sts
- Rnd 21: \* skpo, k3, (yfwd, k2tog) twice, rep from \* to end. 48 sts

### COWL

- Using 4mm (60cm) circular needle, cast on 266 sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd
- Work in rib as for Hat until work meas 3cm
  - Work Rows 1-12 of main patt as for Hat four times
  - Work in rib for 3cm
  - Cast off in rib
- Weave in loose ends and block to measurements (see p93) **LK**



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## HOT READS THIS MONTH

### BIG BOOK OF KNITTED MITTENS

Jorid Linvik (£19.99, Search Press)

With the help of this book, Let's Knit is planning to fashion a new pair of mittens every week this season! The book explores unique patterns which combine traditional Scandinavian design with exciting elements such as exotic animals. Jorid provides 45 double-sided mitten patterns that are sure to suit all the family. The detailed colour diagrams coupled with guidance for creating your own patterns make this book a mitten-knitting all rounder!

01892 510850, [www.searchpress.com](http://www.searchpress.com)



### BIG NEEDLE KNITS

Melanie Porter (£12.99, Ryland Peters and Small)

Here at Let's Knit, we love chunky scarves, hats and blankets, as they're both cosy and stylish, and this book is jam-packed with fashionable designs for all three. Melanie shares 35 designs ranging from lighter knits such as a knitted bracelet to megaknits including a chunky bodywarmer. Some of our personal favourites include the supersized scarf and the multi-strand blanket. This book is perfect for winter time when as all of us knitters know, the chunkier a knit the better!

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### NORAH GAUGHAN'S KNITTED CABLE SOURCEBOOK

Norah Gaughan (£19.99, Abrams and Chronicle Books)

Jazz up a plain cardigan, jumper, throw or cushion by incorporating cabling into the design. In this helpful book the intricacies of the technique are laid bare, and Norah provides clear and concise instructions in both written and chart form. Projects include entire garments, alongside detailed instructions for specific cables. If you're keen to try your hand at cable knits this winter, then this is the perfect book for you!

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## A quick chat with...

### SARAH SIMI, NUDINITS



Nudinitis is a stop-motion production turned book, featuring some very cheeky knitted characters! It costs £9.99 from [www.nudinitis.com](http://www.nudinitis.com). We asked author Sarah about her inspiration

"The designs for Nudinitis were in part inspired by shows such as Bagpuss, but the comedy aspect came from the naked rambler, where the image of a man climbing a mountain with nothing but his walking boots and binoculars tapped right into my British appreciation of naughty humour.

I used so many yarns for the project, from assorted 4ply wools to a standard DK wool, it's about getting creative with what you have. The close-up fields within the book are knitted using super chunky wool, whilst the puppets and props are largely knitted with assorted DK wools. My favourite yarn to use for knitting Bernard and Barbara is Hayfield Bonus DK in Flesh tone 93, as it's one of the only accurate light skin-toned yarns that I've found.

The advice I would give to those knitting my designs is to take your time. My puppets are knitted in pieces rather than in the round, making it easier for novice knitters. It's a good idea to focus on knitting a tight stitch in order to avoid stuffing poking out. Don't rush knitting the faces of the puppets, as you'll find that sometimes re-positioning features by even just a few millimetres can transform their appearance."



# Happy Feet

Treat your toes with this gorgeous pair from Stylecraft

There are few things we like more than new yarn here at LK HQ, but when that new yarn comes with great pattern support, we just grin from ear to ear. Stylecraft Head Over Heels is a brand new self-patterning 4ply yarn that can be used for socks, shawls and other great accessories. We love the pretty lace detail and picot edging on this perfect pair.



## Measurements & Sizes

**Leg circumference (cm):** 18.5 (21.5, 22.5)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Head Over Heels, shade 3099 Kilimanjaro, one 100g ball

**Needles:** 2.75mm, double-pointed, set of four

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 32 sts x 36 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 2.75mm needles

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

**Stylecraft Head Over Heels** is a brand new sock yarn that comprises 75% superwash wool and 25% nylon, which adds durability and practicality to the yarn. It knits into a self-patterning effect and costs £6.49 per 100g (400m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

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“Who wouldn't want socks for Christmas when they're knitted by hand and look like this?”

LK Deputy Editor  
**Adrienne Chandler**



## Start knitting here..

### SOCKS (make two)

Using 2.75mm dpns, cast on 60 (68, 72) sts and distribute evenly over three needles, pm, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd

- K five rnds
- Next rnd: \* yfwd, k2tog, rep from \* to end
- K five rnds
- Fold cast-on edge to inside of work, k each st on needle tog with corresponding st from cast-on edge
- Work in patt as folls:
  - Rnds 1-5: \* k3, p1, rep from \* to end
  - Rnd 6: yfwd, k3tog, yrn, p1, \* yon, k3tog, yrn, p1, rep from \* to end
  - Rnds 7-11: k1, \* p1, k3, rep from \* to last three sts, p1, k2
  - Rnd 12: k2, \* p1, yon, k3tog, yrn, rep from \* to last two sts, p1, k1These 12 rows set patt
- Work in patt until work meas 15cm

### Heel flap

Work Heel flap back and forth over next 30 (34, 36) sts, place rem 30 (34, 36) instep sts on waste yarn

- Row 1 (RS): \* sl 1, k1, rep from \* to end. 30 (34, 36) sts
- Row 2 (WS): sl 1, p to end
- Rep Rows 1-2 until heel flap is approximately square, ending after a Row 2.

Cont on these sts as folls:

### Turn heel

- Row 1 (RS): \* k17 (19, 21), k2tog tbl, k1, turn
- Leave rem 10 (12, 12) sts unworked
- Row 2 (WS): p6 (6, 8) p2tog, p1, turn
- Leave rem 10 (12, 12) sts unworked
- Row 3: k to one st before gap, k2tog tbl, k1, turn
- Row 4: p to one st before gap, p2tog, p1, turn
- Rep Rows 3-4 until all sts have been worked. 18 (20, 22) sts

### Heel Gusset

- Set up rnd: k9 (10, 11), pm for end of rnd. 9 (10, 11), pick up and k one st in each slipped st along side of heel flap, pick up and k one st between heel flap and instep, pm, k across rem instep sts, pm, pick up and k one st between heel flap and instep, pick up and k one st in each slipped st along other side of heel flap, k to end
- Rnd 1: k to two sts before marker, k2tog, sm, k to marker, sm, k2tog, k to end
- Rnd 2: k to marker, sm, k to marker, sm, k to end
- Rep Rnds 1-2 until 30 (34, 36) sole sts rem. 60 (68, 72) sts
- Cont without shaping until foot meas 5cm shorter than desired foot length

### Toe

- Next rnd: \* k15 (17, 18), pm, rep from \* to end
  - Next rnd (dec): \* k to two sts before marker, k2tog, rep from \* to end
  - Next rnd: k
  - Rep last two rnds seven times more
  - Rep dec rnd 5 (7, 8) times more
  - Cut yarn leaving a long tail and pull through rem sts
  - Fasten off
- Weave in all ends and block foll ball band instructions **LK**

## knitwise

A yarn over needle (yon) and yarn forward (yfwd) are worked in similar ways - by bringing the yarn over the top of the right hand needle to create an extra stitch. The main difference is that for a yfwd the yarn starts at the back of the work and needs to be moved to the front of the work first. For a yon, the yarn is already at the front.



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### Measurements & sizes

200cm long

### Tension square

7 sts x 11 rows, 10cm x 10cm,  
stocking stitch, 10mm needles

### You will need:

#### YARN:

Robin Firecracker Super Chunky,  
shade 4123 Purple,  
two 100g balls

#### NEEDLES:

10mm

### Start knitting here

Using 10mm needles and yarn A,  
cast on 12 sts

\* Row 1: p1, (yon, p2tog) to  
last st, p1

\* Rep this row until work meas  
approx 200cm

\* Cast off **LK**



## YARN SHOP

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Be brave this festive season with a statement scarf from **Robin!**



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For abbreviations see page 92

# Quick and easy slip stitch PENCIL CASE

Your favourite colouring pencils need a safe home, and you can give them just that with this stylish knitted pencil case! This simple knit is comprised of a standard 4ply yarn, and practices basic knit and purl stitches on its textured edge. It's a great gift to give any colouring fan.

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DMC Natura Just Cotton Medium costs £2.75 per 50g (75m) ball from [www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk)

## Measurements & sizes

Pencil case: 22cm wide  
x 12cm long

## You will need:

### YARN:

DMC Natura Just Cotton  
Medium, shade (A) 77, (B) 177,  
one 50g ball of each

NEEDLES: 4mm and 4.5mm

ZIP: 20cm

COTTON FABRIC: 24cm square

TAPESTRY NEEDLE

MATCHING SEWING THREAD

SEWING NEEDLE

DRESSMAKER'S PINS

For abbreviations see page 92

## Start knitting here

### BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 49 sts

- \* Rows 1-2: k
- Change to 4.5mm needles and yarn B
- \* Row 3: k4, (sl 1 pwise, k1) to last three sts, k3. 28 sts
- \* Row 4: k4, (wyif sl 1 pwise, yb, k1) to last three sts, k3
- \* Keeping colours correct, rep last four rows 21 times

Fasten off yarn B, change to 4mm needles and join yarn A

- \* Row 89: k
- \* Row 90: k5, p1, (k1, p1) to last five sts, k5
- \* Row 91: k
- \* Cast off

### LINING

Fold fabric in half with right side inwards, join side edges leaving 1cm seam allowance. Turn right side out and press back 1cm turning around opening

### TO MAKE UP

Open zip. Pin one side centrally to reverse of cast-on edge of pencil case, easing stitches so they lie evenly along tape. Back stitch in place. Join other side of zip to cast-off edge. Keeping zip open, fold pencil case in half lengthways and join side edges. Turn wrong side out. Slip lining over case, matching up bottom corners. Pin and stitch folded edge to zip tape, 4mm from teeth. Turn right side out and oversew a few stitches at each end of zip to conceal ends of tape **LK**



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### Dear Let's Knit,

A few issues ago you asked if people should knit for their dogs. My answer is, yes! This was Bruno my rescue greyhound who, as you can see, was very frail and elderly. This was only a year after his adoption. I always knew he wouldn't be with me long so every precious moment was treasured. I knitted this personalised baseball-style letter jacket, knowing it would probably be the last knit I made for him. Every stitch was loaded with love. Bruno died in my arms only 28 months after I rescued him. I was heartbroken and this cardigan was my comforter after he was gone. I'm about to start knitting a new letter jacket - this time for Bruno's baby brother, Reuben! He's another greyhound, adopted aged three and as he suffers from anxiety and panic attacks, he finds a knitted coat comforting.

SALLY ANNE G. ADAMS



Star LETTER Wins a prize!

WE LOVE TO HEAR YOUR STORIES!

Thank you so much for sharing your story Sally Anne! Bruno was a lovely dog and his jacket is perfect for him. We hope Reuben loves his new coat. Enjoy your prize!

# STOP & Share

STORIES AND MAKES GALORE FROM YOU, OUR WONDERFUL READERS

## Here's what you've been busy making this month:



VERY FESTIVE!

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### Happy helper

"Burt the Elf"  
Sarah Murdoch

He's brilliant, Sarah! Merry Christmas from all of us at LK!

### Festive folk

"Gingerbread man"  
Hayley Borley

Aw, we love his cheery smile!



### Dancing Darcy

"Thought you might like to see my variation on your Darcy the hippo pattern featured in the Feb 2016 issue! Hope you like it!"

Leanne MacKenzie  
We love the yarn choice for her outfit. Great job, Leanne!



### Amazing Advent

"Just finished this Christmas stocking Advent tree for my grandsons. They were fun to make but going to have more fun filling them"

Karen Inglis

These are fab, Karen! We love the tree arrangement!



### Perky parrot

"Made a few of these"

Amanda Jex

Jason the Parrot is one of our faves too, Amanda!



## PINS AND NEEDLES

Toys at Christmas are not just for small people, you know! Whether you're an expert or beginner knitter, you'll always find a festive plaything that suits your skill level. We've found a few of our favourites and added them to our Christmas Knits Pinterest board. Take a look and be inspired!



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### WE ASKED ON TWITTER...

What knitting treat will you be asking Father Christmas to bring you this year?

*My own fully stocked private wool shop. I've been a very good girl.*

Jacqueline Jacques

*Santa, please bring me a beautiful leather case to hold all my dpns. I think I might need several of them!*

Sandy

*Several pairs of magical knitting needles like Molly Weasley so I can actually get all my projects finished!*

#solittletime

Katy

*The cure for second sock syndrome - help!*

Chloe Gordon



### Tip of the Month...

PRINTED TIPS WIN A £10 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT BLACK SHEEP WOOLS

"YouTube never gets impatient or tired of explaining the same thing over and over again. And if you don't understand one explanation: just try a different video."

SARAH WEIR

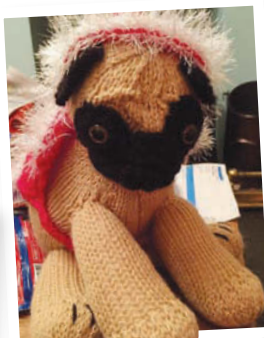


### Merry wreath

"Getting in the festive spirit"  
Anita Harding  
Wow, great job, Anita! This is perfect for the season!

### Snow & co

"Snowman family."  
Susan Hatton  
These are lovely, Susan.



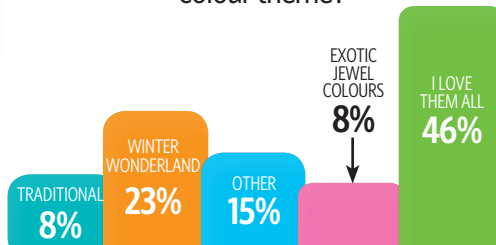
### Jolly pup

"Knitted this for my granddaughter"  
Kate Redpath  
Doug the Pug looks brilliant, Kate!



### We asked you on Facebook...

What's your favourite Christmas colour theme?



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# TEA Break

SETTLE DOWN WITH A CUPPA TO READ,  
RELAX AND TEST YOUR KNITTY KNOWLEDGE!

## Wordplay

We've jumbled up three knitty terms. Can you work out what they are?

**Not tricking ma (5, 8)**

**job peaches (5, 5)**

**Winches a ham (7, 4)**

## LET'S KNIT'S QUICK QUIZ

**How much do you know about our favourite hobby?**

- 1 Which character can be seen knitting in the film, *The Dark Knight*?
- 2 Selbu knitting comes from which country?
- 3 What is an alternative name for yarn made from plastic?
- 4 A standard aran weight yarn is usually knitted with what size needles?
- 5 Where might you find a maiden bearing?

## Name that yarn

Here are three clues to our mystery yarn. Is it one that's in your stash?

- It's a great value, soft acrylic yarn
- It won the Best Yarn For Crochet category in the British Knitting Awards
- There are over 80 shades to choose from

Check out the answers below to see how many you got right!

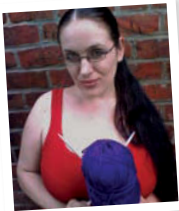


## Caption competition

Email [adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk) with your caption and we'll publish the winning entry in our next issue!

Here's our favourite caption from last issue  
"Only 12 Fridays till Christmas and another 20,000,000 to knit"

Congratulations to **Frances Holden**



## PURLS OF WISDOM

By Claire Thomas

### Think I'm In Lab

It's so easy to get into a rut, isn't it? It happens regularly. I realise I've been making variations on the same things for a while. The patterns that are reliable, easy, and yes - comforting. They're enjoyably undemanding, as cosy as pyjamas... but then the faint sense of boredom asserts itself again, and I seek out something new.

This time I began science knitting. I started off with a dopamine molecule, made out of i-cord with floral wire to stiffen it. I made a DNA scarf with a double helix cable. Then I made some internal organs. If you're going to do this yourself, I have a tip for you: make something like a womb or a kidney that already has its own recognisable shape. Don't make a liver, because that will just look like a brown lump. Then people make rude

comments. Then you have to threaten divorce until they apologise. I even knitted a bacterium. Before I knew it, there was a little colony of them in the corner of the sitting room. Those things don't half multiply.



After a few weeks of this I became vaguely addicted - addicted enough to be seriously considering an intarsia periodic table blanket. (There are 118 elements in the periodic table, so I decided against it). I was really enjoying knitting stuff so different from my usual range of makes, and the cleverness of interpreting scientific concepts in knitting was stimulating my brain in lots of different ways. That's when disaster struck.

I scoured the internet, but couldn't

find anything substantially new, only small variations on what I'd already made: the less immediately recognisable internal organs, different molecules. It was time to move on again... but I wasn't ready to leave science and conceptual makes behind.

There had got to be something that would give me that fix - but what?

Leafing through some old magazines for inspiration, I found an article on mathematical crochet. Two days later and I had a crocheted model of a hyperbolic pseudosphere (I know, right?!). The world of maths was opening up before me like it never did at GCSE. Thing is, I'm now crowded out. I need to get rid of some of these science makes. Anyone in the market for a knitted liver?

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

"AFTER A FEW WEEKS, I'D BECOME VAGUELY ADDICTED - ADDICTED ENOUGH TO BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING AN INTARSIA PERIODIC TABLE BLANKET."

## HOW DID YOU DO?

WORD PLAY: 1. Macro knitting, 2. Jacob sheep, 3. Machine wash NAME THAT YARN: Stylecraft Special DK QUICK QUIZ: 1. Bane, 2. Norway, 3. Flann, 4. 5mm, 5. On a spinning wheel

Start knitting here

Spruce up your sofa with this

# STYLISH KNITTED CUSHION

## FRONT (not shown)

Using 7mm needles, cast on 57 sts

\* Foundation row: p

Work in patt as folls:

\* Row 1 (RS): p2, \* (k2, p2) twice, k1, (p2, k2) twice, p1, rep from \* to last st, p1

\* Row 2: k2, \* (p2, k2) twice, p1, (k2, p2) twice, k1, rep from \* to last st, k1

\* Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2

\* Row 5: p3, (k2, p2, k2, p3) to end

\* Row 6: k3, (p2, k2, p2, k3) to end

\* Rows 7-8: rep Rows 5-6

\* Row 9: as Row 2

\* Row 10: as Row 1

\* Row 11: as Row 2

\* Row 12: as Row 1

\* Row 13: as Row 2

\* Row 14: as Row 5

\* Row 15: as Row 6

\* Row 16: as Row 5

These 16 rows form patt

\* Work a further 56 rows in patt

\* Cast off

## LOWER BACK

Using 7mm needles, cast on 57 sts

\* Foundation row: p

\* Work 56 rows in patt as for Front

\* Cast off

## UPPER BACK

Using 7mm needles, cast on 57 sts

\* Rows 1-4: work as for Front

\* Buttonhole row: p3, k2, p2, k2, (p2tog, yrn, p1, k2, p2, k2) four times, p2tog, yrn, p1, k2, p2, k2, p3

\* Beg with Row 6, work a further 19 rows in patt

\* Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Overlap eight rows of Upper back over last eight rows of Lower back and tack in place. Join backs to Front. Sew on buttons to correspond with button holes. Undo tacking and insert cushion pad **LK**

Siân Brown's chunky textured knit would make a great gift

Here at LK we're firm believers that there is no such thing as too many cushions, and with the festive season just around the corner, we're dreaming of curling up on the sofa with this gorgeous knitted number and a mug of hot chocolate. This cushion follows a set 16 row pattern, making it a super easy knit!

### Measurements & sizes

To fit a cushion  
45cm x 45cm

### Tension square

13 sts x 16 rows, 10cm x  
10cm, 7mm needles

### You will need:

#### YARN:

Stylecraft Weekender, shade  
3680 Duck Egg, three 100g balls

#### NEEDLES:

7mm

#### BUTTONS:

Five

#### CUSHION PAD:

45cm



YARN  
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Stylecraft Weekender costs £3.45  
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# Frosted Forest

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Knit **Nicola Valiji's** gingerbread-inspired tree decs

**W**e'll admit it, we're often inspired by food, especially around Christmas time! This trio of trees are decorated like gingerbread houses with white icing patterns. Some parts are worked as stripes and others are embroidered afterwards. Read the Knitwise (overleaf) for a more detailed explanation of the edging.



*meet our*  
**DESIGNER**

"These unique Christmas decorations will look great on your festive table"  
 NICOLA VALIJI

## Measurements & Sizes

Excluding skewers and pots

**Small:** 13cm tall

**Medium:** 16.5cm tall

**Large:** 21cm tall

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Deramores Studio DK, shades (A) Oatmeal, (B) Frost, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.75mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Toy stuffing**

**Bamboo skewers**

**Mini pompom maker**

**Buckets:** mini, white

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.75mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Deramores Studio DK** is a soft acrylic yarn that comes in 33 shades. Although it can be machine washed and tumble dried, you're better off dabbing these trees with a damp sponge. It costs £1.99 per 100g (250m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

## Need an Alternative?

Use oddments of DK from your stash.

## knitwise

The edging is worked as a mock picot. Simply cast on the instructed number of stitches and work in stocking stitch as directed. Work one row of eyelets, then carry on in stocking stitch again. After casting off, fold the piece in half so the wrong sides are together. You'll see that your eyelet row has turned into a row of decorative points. Magic!



### LARGE TREE

#### FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 31 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 29 sts
- Rows 4-6: cont in st st
- Rows 7: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 27 sts
- Change to yarn B
- Row 8: p
- Change to yarn A
- Rep last eight rows four times more. 11 sts
- Next row: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Nine sts
- Next row: p
- Rep last two rows twice more. Five sts
- Next row: skpo, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Next row: p
- Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

#### BACK

Work as for Front using yarn A only

#### EDGING

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 31 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: k1, (yfwd, k2tog) to end
- Rows 4-5: cont in st st
- Cast off

### MEDIUM TREE

#### FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 25 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p

- Row 3: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 23 sts
- Rows 4-6: cont in st st
- Rows 7: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 21 sts
- Change to yarn B
- Row 8: p
- Change to yarn A
- Rep last eight rows three times more. Nine sts
- Next row: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- Next row: p
- Rep last two rows once more. Five sts
- Next row: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Three sts
- Next row: p
- Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

#### BACK

Work as for Front using yarn A only

#### EDGING

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 25 sts

- Work as for Large tree

### SMALL TREE

#### FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 19 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Row 3: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 17 sts
- Rows 4-6: cont in st st
- Row 7: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. 15 sts
- Change to yarn B
- Row 8: p
- Change to yarn A

- Rep last eight rows twice more. Seven sts
- Next row: skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Five sts
- Next row: p
- Next row (dec): skpo, k to last two sts, k2tog. Three sts
- Next row: p
- Next row: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

## BACK

Work as for Front using yarn A only

## EDGING

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn B, cast on 19 sts

- Work as for Large tree

## BUCKET BAND

(make three)

Using 3.75mm knitting needles and yarn B, cast on 28 sts

- Row 1: k
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 2-4: cont in st st
- Change to yarn B
- Row 5: k
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Lightly press all pieces. Sew side seams of each tree, leaving cast-on edge open. Stuff, then sew base closed and attach edging. Using yarn B, embroider front side of trees, using photo as a guide. Make three mini pompoms and sew one to top of each tree. Join ends of Bucket Bands and slide onto mini buckets. Tie bows using yarn B and sew to front of bands. Wind a ball of yarn B big enough to sit in each bucket. Insert skewer into knitted tree then push other end into wound yarn ball **LK**

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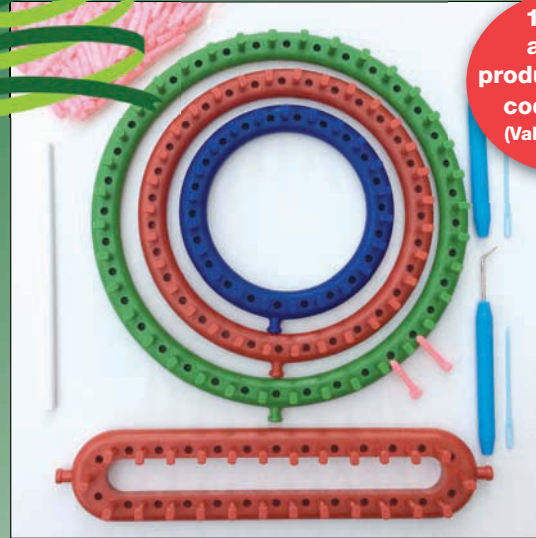
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# Festive Feast



Decorate **Helen Ardley's** easy-knit homewares with Christmassy cross stitch!

**O**ur seven-piece set is a jolly addition to any seasonal spread, with the red and white colours managing to look both classic and contemporary at the same time. There's no complicated colourwork to worry about as the motifs are embroidered at the end using cross stitch. If you're feeling really creative, you can design your own cross stitch chart!

*The motifs are added on afterwards - easy!*



## Measurements & Sizes

**Coasters:** 13cm x 13cm

**Teacosy:** 21cm x 23cm

**Table mat:** 30cm x 53cm

**Napkin rings:** 6cm x 7cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Wendy Merino DK, shades (A) 2352 Red, four 50g balls, (B) 2350 Cloud Dancer, one 50g ball

**Needles:** 3.75mm, 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 20 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Wendy Merino DK** is a soft, smooth pure wool yarn. As wool is a brilliant natural insulator, it's a good choice for this project. It's machine washable too and a 50g (116m) ball costs £3.49 from **01829 740903**, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

## Need an Alternative?

Why not add some festive sparkle with **King Cole Glitz DK**? It's an acrylic yarn with a metallic thread running throughout. It costs £3.59 per 100g (290m) ball from **01621 815576**, [www.thecheapshoptiptree.co.uk](http://www.thecheapshoptiptree.co.uk)

## knitwise

The contrasting white patterns on this set are embroidered using cross stitches. Try not to make your stitches too tight or they'll cause the work to pucker and your mat and coasters won't lie flat. You may find it helps to work all the diagonal lines in one direction, then work your way back completing the stitches. Alternatively, you could use Swiss darning for a different effect.

## Start knitting here..

### COASTER (make four)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 27 sts

- Row 1: k1, \* p1, k1 rep from \* to end

This row sets moss st

- Rows 2-4: as Row 1
- Row 5: k1, p1, k23, p1, k1
- Row 6: k1, p1, k1, p21, k1, p1, k1

These two rows set st st with moss st edge

- Work 29 rows more in patt
- Work four rows in moss st
- Cast off

Weave in ends. Embroider snowflake motifs in centre of each

Coaster using yarn B

### TABLE MAT

Using 4mm needles and yarn A cast on 63 sts

- Work six rows in moss st as for Coaster
- Next row: (k1, p1) twice, k55, (p1, k1) twice
- Next row: (k1, p1) twice, k1, p53, (k1, p1) twice, k1

These two rows set st st with moss st edge

- Work 135 rows more in patt
- Work six rows in moss st
- Cast off

Weave in ends. Embroider chosen

snowflake motif five times evenly down centre of mat

### TEACOSY

(make two pieces)

Using 3.75mm needles and yarn A, cast on 47 sts

- Work five rows in moss st as for Coaster
- Change to 4mm needles
- Next row: k1, p1, k43, p1, k1
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, p41, k1, p1, k1
- These two rows set st st with moss st edge
- Work 22 rows more in patt
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, skpo, k37, k2tog, k1, p1, k1. 45 sts

CHART A

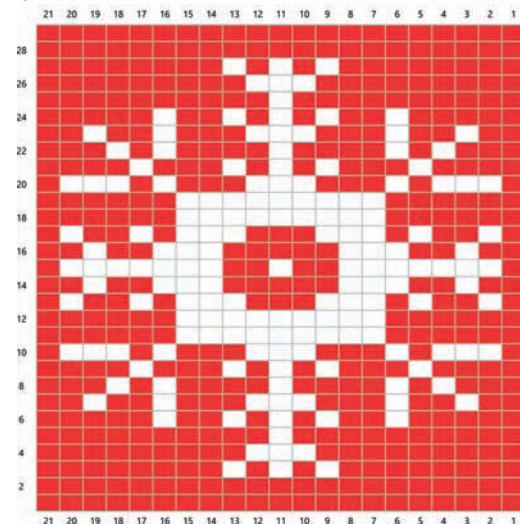


CHART B

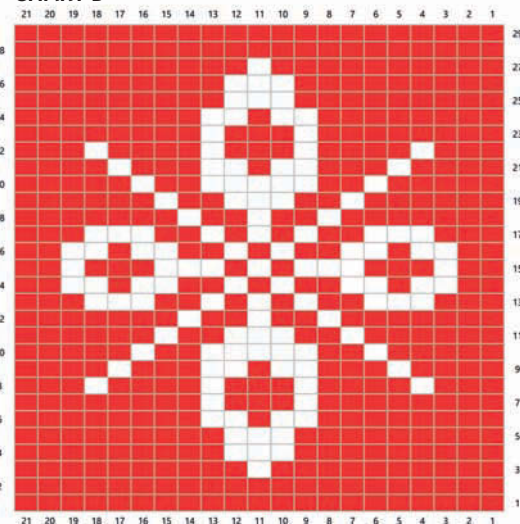


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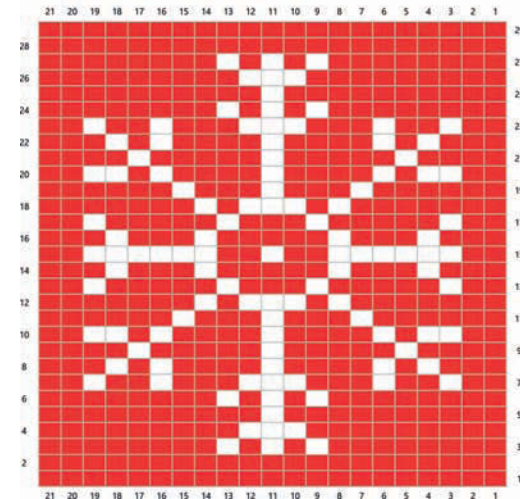


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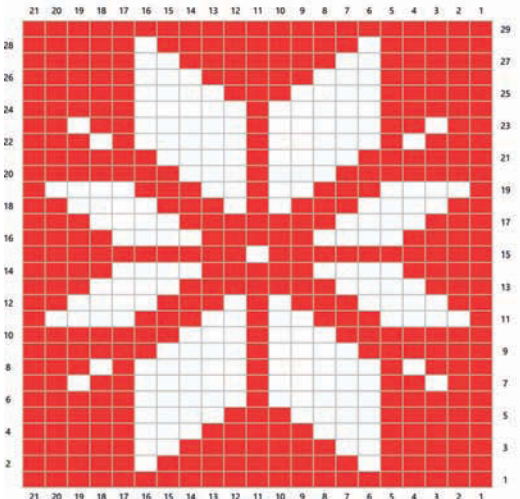


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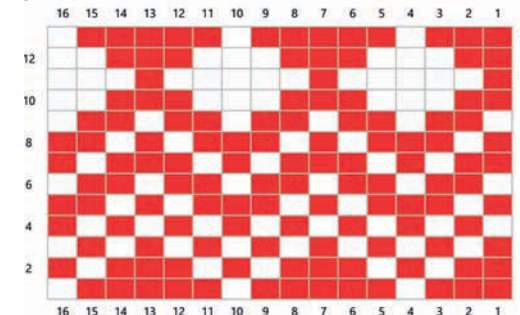
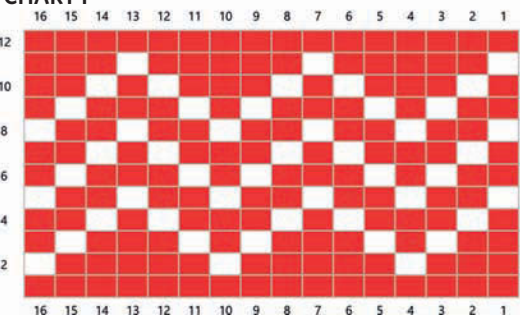


CHART F





- Work three rows in patt
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, skpo, k35, k2tog, k1, p1, k1. 43 sts
- Work three rows in patt
- Cont to dec as set on every alt row until 39 sts rem
- Work three rows in patt
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, skpo, k29, k2tog, k1, p1, k1. 37 sts
- Work one row in patt
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, skpo, k27, k2tog, k1, p1, k1. 35 sts
- Work one row in patt
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, skpo, k2, p1, k1, p1, \* k3, p1, k1, p1, rep from \* to last seven sts, k2, k2tog, k1, p1, k1. 33 sts
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, \* p4, k1, p1, rep from \* to last six sts, p3, k1, p1, k1
- Next row: k1, p1, k1, \* k3, p1, k1, p1, rep from \* to last six sts, k4, p1, k1
- Rep last two rows until work meas 21cm, ending after a WS row
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

With WS together, join side edge for

2cm from base. Leave gap for handle and spout then sew rest of each seam. Using chart, embroider Chart E design across bottom edge of teacosy. Make two pompoms using yarns A and B and attach to top of cosy with lengths of yarn A wound tight around top to secure

### NAPKIN RING (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 27 sts

- Work four rows in moss st as for Coaster
- Row 5: k1, p1, k23, p1, k1
- Row 6: k1, p1, k1, p21, k1, p1, k1

These two rows set st st with moss st edge

- Work eight more rows as set
- Work four rows in moss st
- Cast off

Weave in ends. Embroider Chart F in centre of ring. Overlap moss st edges and stitch in place **LK**



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# The Knitmare

## BEFORE

# Christmas

Ever found yourself still stitching as Santa's sleigh arcs overhead? You're not alone, learns **Anna Blewett**

**C**hristmas is coming, and with it a tutting queue of virtuous merrymakers ready to tell you to get organised. "Baste your turkey a week ahead!" some Nigella or Kirstie will tell you. "Get your presents wrapped in November!" Personally I side with LK reader Sandra Brown, who knows proper festive heroics don't begin until the advent calendar has yielded its last chocolate. "I made a Noah's Ark complete with lots of animals one year, but was still embroidering the second giraffe's eyes at 7am on Christmas morning," she recalls. "Luckily I didn't have to cook Christmas dinner that year!" Frankly Sandra sounds like the kind of woman who could cater for a family of 14 and still get a few crocheted baubles knocked out while the sprouts were bubbling.

For Christmas, unless you're under 20, is as much about keeping calm and carrying on as celebrating the birth of the bonnie baby Jesus. We hold this truth to be self-evident: Christmas may not break your love for knitting, but it can sorely test it.

### Love's Labours Soft

Champion crafter Charlotte Newland, whose summer included winning the BBC's Great British Sewing Bee, was



Sewing Bee Champ Charlotte Newland's a knitting fan, too!

"I was still embroidering the giraffe's eyes at 7am on Christmas morning!"

almost cured of her passion for knitting by a pair of socks, a gift for her husband-to-be. "I had totally failed to absorb the fact he has size 14 feet," she remembers. "That's a whole 12 inches of foot right there. I, being a newbie at the time, went for a cuff-down pattern and had to play 'yarn chicken' for the last two inches of each sock."

Are projects knitted in 4 ply on 2.5mm needles ever a good idea when working to a gun-against-your-head deadline?

"My hands were like claws by the time I got them finished," laughs Charlotte.

"But they were ready just in time. Thank goodness they fitted, otherwise I would have cried. Needless to say, I haven't knitted him another pair!"

The trouble with non-knitting recipients is they have no idea how lucky they are. I recall the year my Auntie Rosemary embellished the Christmas crackers with 16 lovingly fashioned garter stitch penguins, 50% of which had to be covertly scooped from the bin after being tossed aside with ripped foil and loo roll tubes in the scramble for paper hats and novelty table toys. Oh, the nonchalance with which those non-knitters



cast makes aside, or make outlandish requests for new ones. "Can you knit me a Sarah Lund?" my sister asked with shining eyes one November when the Fair Isle-sweatered Danish detective was at the height of her powers. Eight months and six balls of Lopi yarn later she got her wish, in the 26°C heat of a July that came long after Nordic noirs had faded from favour.

### Mistletoe and Twine

LK designer Lynne Rowe knows better than most that these TV requests so rarely stop at one 50g ball and a couple of evening's work. "Many years ago, when Starsky and Hutch were all the rage, my mum asked for an Aran cardigan for Christmas," she recalls. "Mum chose the yarn - two huge 400g-balls of Sirdar Aran. It really was



**“Can you knit me a Sarah Lund?”**

(original from [www.gudrungudrun.com](http://www.gudrungudrun.com))

a labour of love but I managed to finish it in time for Christmas, extremely relieved and pleased with the finished product. Mum loved it; I noticed her wearing it a few times, then saw it no more. I wondered if there was a problem – maybe it had fallen apart or started to unravel? – only to discover my mum had washed, tumble-dried and pressed it (she irons everything!), and hence it had grown exponentially and was no longer wearable. I think she was as upset as I was!”

Adding care labels is certainly a wise move, especially since it allows you to hammer home the generosity of your gift. ‘100% baby alpaca’ I scrawl grandly on luggage labels that dwarf the mittens I like to make small children. ‘Tumble dry AT YOUR PERIL!’ In fact, if the benevolence of your yarn choice, or virtuosity of your stitching is lost on loved ones, you could always take a lesson from LK regular Lucinda Ganderton. “I once bought a beautiful cut-price scarf from a pre-Christmas designer sample sale, specially chosen as a gift for a family member,” she starts. “I carefully unpicked the Paul Smith label from the corner – it had been marked with a large black cross and I didn’t want to look like a cheapskate – but when she unwrapped the parcel, she assumed I’d knitted it specially for her. I have to confess that I have never disillusioned her!”

### Merry Mohair

Reader Linda Nagle, meanwhile, has a cautionary tale of an under-researched gift. “I knitted a mohair sweater for my sister-in-law who informed me she was allergic to it,” she recalls. “Her mother wore it.” Personal experience from my own childhood tells me never to waste 100% lambswool on the ungrateful. “It’s ITCHY!” we used to whine every year as Granny held panels of an unfinished festive jumper up for size. Our complaints would resurface on Christmas Day as Mum surreptitiously yanked at the tight neck holes – a Granny trademark as distinctive as her famous asymmetric Arans.

Giving, they say, is the true meaning of Christmas so perhaps this year it’s time we find a new starting point for our labours. Take my advice; forget about what your loved ones actually want and grasp the opportunity to embark on a host of projects that you will really enjoy!



## CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

BANISH STRESS WITH OUR PICK OF THE EXPERTS’ TIPS



### Knit Tactically

Making scarves for the family? **Susie Johns** is. “Instead of finishing one before I begin the next I’m working on all of them so if I start to run out of time they can end up a bit shorter than planned but no one goes without.”



### Be Resourceful

**Lucinda Ganderton’s** father was due a beautiful Christmas card, “But finishing it on Christmas Eve I couldn’t find the buttons anywhere. I was practically in tears, when my grandmother suggested I take an old shirt from the back of his wardrobe, cut off the buttons and sew them onto my gift!” Genius.



### Lighten the Load

Not enough knitting days ‘til Christmas? “Give a voucher promising to knit your recipient a gift in the near future,” says LK editor **Sarah Neal**. “That way you can finish it in your own time and also ensure it’s something they’ll like.”



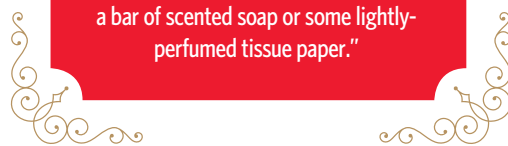
### Start Early

“Starting from January each month, dive into your stash and find enough yarn to knit up a small project that will make a great Christmas gift,” says **Lynne Rowe**. “By the time next December comes around you’ll have 12 ready-made hand knitted gifts.



### Store ‘Make-aheads’ Wisely

“Old-fashioned moth balls are effective but the smell is not nice,” says **Susie Johns**, “so a few days before Christmas give your knitted gifts a bit of an airing, then wrap them up with a lavender bag, a bar of scented soap or some lightly-perfumed tissue paper.”



## READER'S CONFESSIONS



*“I started a lovely snowman jumper but didn’t have enough wool for the last sleeve. I went back to get more only to find it was a different colour.”*

Julia Brown

*“I was up until silly o’clock one Christmas after realising my daughter’s knitted doll was missing a skirt to cover its pants! As I went to bed she got up thinking she’d caught Santa!”*

Em Day



*“I adapted a pattern I found online for stockings big enough to fit a pack of Top Trumps. In hindsight I should have made a tension square...”*

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## 2. James C. Brett Faux Fur

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## 3. Sirdar Bouffle Chunky

For more of a woolly finish, try this loopy mix of cotton, acrylic, wool and nylon. It's spun into a two-colour bouclé effect and is so fuzzy that you can use the most basic of stitches and still create a great piece of knitting. It costs £3.72 per 50g (109m) ball from **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)



## 4. Erika Knight Fur

Go home grown with this fab and furry super chunky yarn! It's made from 97% British wool and is spun here in the UK. It creates a thick and woolly fabric that's great for cosy accessories. Make sure you wash it by hand to avoid accidental felting! It costs £12.95 per 100g (40m) skein from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)



## 5. Wendy Fleur

If you prefer a more understated look, you'll love the brushed finish of this gentle, fuzzy yarn. It's an unusual mix of cotton, acrylic and tencel and is really light to wear. There are eight elegant shades, making it a good choice for stylish cardies and tops. A 100g ball costs £3.99 per (350m) ball from [www.awoollytail.com](http://www.awoollytail.com)



## 6. Design Ette Andrea di Bonaiuto

Kid mohair with 30% silk is a classic blend that brings instant luxury to any project. This yarn from Danish company Design Ette is wonderfully gentle with a fabulous halo of fuzzy fibres that give both lightness and warmth. There are 11 colour options and it costs £9.13 per 25g (220m) from [www.designette.co.uk](http://www.designette.co.uk)



## 7. King Cole Embrace

This is a yarn in which you would be more than happy to cocoon yourself! It's a blend of nylon and acrylic with an eyelash finish yet has lovely drape and is impressively soft. There's a great range of supporting patterns for adult and children's garments, accessories and blankets. A 100g (245m) ball costs £4.29 from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



## 8. Conway & Bliss Elektra

It's the bold colour combos that make this yarn really stand out from the crowd. The mix of wool with acrylic and nylon fibres keeps it light to wear, despite knitting up on 8mm needles. It's fabulously fuzzy and is perfect for statement knits for fashionistas. It costs £4.95 per 50g (130m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)





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Jump straight into autumn/ winter 2016 with brand new shades from Baa Baa Brighthouse! Warm orange shade 'Bailiff Bridge' and deep pinky red 'Wellholme' from the Baa Baa Brew range are 100% British Bluefaced Leicester DK yarn which is reared and sheared in the UK, then spun and hand dyed in Yorkshire using traditional methods. It's a versatile yet luxurious yarn, perfect for both children's clothes and adult garments. This seasonal duo is also available in a Baa Baa Bew Gift Box, Yarn Pops and Sprig Beanie Hat Knit. Head over to [baabaabrighthouse.co.uk](http://baabaabrighthouse.co.uk) to find out more.

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# Layer up this winter with a simple **LACE DETAIL SWEATER**

**W**e love garments that are easy to knit and easy to wear and this one's great for layering too - perfect for the indecisive British weather! The main body of the top is worked in the round, then divided at the underarms for the Front and Back. The lace pattern is worked over the top section and as it doesn't interfere with the shaping, you can focus on mastering the technique. This is one of those tops that can easily be dressed up or down, which makes us love it even more!

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"This sweater is a perfect layering garment and is an easy first sweater project. The sweater is worked in the round to the underarms, and the front and back are worked separately to the shoulders. The shaping and the lace pattern are simple."  
ANNIKEN ALLIS

## Measurements & Sizes

### Dress size (approx):

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

### To fit chest (cm):

86 (97, 107, 117)

### Circumference at chest (cm):

120 (131, 142, 151)

### Length from shoulder (cm):

54 (55.5, 57, 58)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK, shade SH682 Deep, 6 (7, 7, 8) 50g balls

**Needles:** 4mm (80cm) and (40cm) circular, 4mm straight

**Stitch markers**

**Stitch holder**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Rowan Baby Merino Silk DK** comprises 66% wool and 34% silk, meaning it is soft, smooth and has a pretty sheen. There are 20 semi-solid shades to choose from and the yarn can be machine washed. It costs £5.99 per 50g (135m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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## Need an Alternative?

Any standard DK yarn would work for this project, but try to choose a smooth yarn with good stitch definition. Why not go British with **West Yorkshire Spinners' Bluefaced Leicester DK**? It has an RRP of £4.85 per 50g (112m) ball from **01535 664500**, [www.wyspinners.com](http://www.wyspinners.com)

## knitwise

This top uses the three-needle cast-off instead of sewing the shoulder seams. It creates a neat, strong join and is really easy to work. Hold the two pieces to be joined with RS together and hold both needles parallel in your left hand. Insert a third needle through the first stitch on the front then back needle, and knit them together. \* Insert the needle through the next stitch on both needles and knit them together, lift the first stitch on the right needle over the second stitch and off the needle, just like a normal cast-off. Repeat from \* until all your stitches are cast off.

## WRITTEN CHART INSTRUCTIONS

- Row 1 (RS): k1, yfwd, ssk, k2tog, yfwd, k1
  - Row 2 (WS): p to end
  - Row 3: k1, k2tog, (yfwd) twice, ssk, k1
  - Row 4: p3, p1 tbl, p2
  - Row 5: k2tog, yfwd, k1, k1 tbl, yfwd, ssk
  - Row 6: p to end
  - Row 7: yfwd, ssk, k2, k2tog, yfwd
  - Row 8: p to end
- These eight rows set patt

## Start knitting here..

### BODY

- Using 4mm (80cm) circular needles, cast on 208 (236, 260, 280) sts, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd and pm after 104 (118, 130, 140) sts to mark side
- Rnd 1: p to end
  - Rnd 2: k to end
  - Rnds 3-6: rep Rnds 1-2 twice
  - Rnd 7: p to end
  - K six rnds
  - Next rnd: k1, m1, k to one st before marker, m1, k1, sm, k1, m1, k to one st before end of rnd, m1, k1. 212 (240, 264, 284) sts
  - Cont to inc as set on every 6th (6th, 8th, 8th) rnd 13 (12, 12, 12) times more. 264 (288, 312, 332) sts
  - Cont in st st without shaping until Body meas 30 (30, 30.5, 30.5) cm

## BACK

- Cont to work in rows across next 132 (144, 156, 166) sts only
- Row 1 (RS): k2, work Row 1 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k44 (56, 56, 66), work Row 1 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2
  - Row 2 (WS): p to end
- These two rows set placement of Chart
- Cont as set working next row of Chart until Back meas 53 (54.5, 56, 57) cm, ending after a WS row

### Shape right back neck

- Row 1 (RS): k2, work next row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k6 (11, 10, 14), turn. 50 (55, 60, 64) sts
  - Row 2 (WS): p1, p2tog, p to end. 49 (54, 59, 63) sts
  - Row 3: k2, work next RS row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2 (7, 6, 10), k2tog, k1. 48 (53, 58, 62) sts
- Leave sts on holder

### Shape left back neck

- Leave 32 (34, 36, 38) sts on holder for centre Back neck, with RS facing rejoin yarn at neck edge
- Row 1 (RS): k6 (11, 10, 14), work next row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2. 50 (55, 60, 64) sts
  - Row 2 (WS): p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 49 (54, 59, 63) sts
  - Row 3: k1, ssk, k2 (7, 6, 10), work next RS row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8)

- times, k2. 48 (53, 58, 62) sts
- Leave sts on holder

## FRONT

- With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 132 (144, 156, 166) sts
- Row 1 (RS): k2, work Row 1 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k44 (56, 56, 66), work Row 1 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2
  - Row 2 (WS): p to end
  - Row 3: k2, work Row 3 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k44 (56, 56, 66), work Row 3 of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2
  - Row 4: p to end
- Cont as set until Front meas 40 (40.5, 41.5, 42) cm, ending after a WS row

### Shape left front neck

- Row 1 (RS): k2, work next row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k22 (28, 28, 33), turn. 66 (72, 78, 83) sts
  - Row 2 (WS): p1, p2tog, p to end. 65 (71, 77, 82) sts
  - Row 3: k2, work next RS row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 64 (70, 76, 81) sts
  - Rep last two rows a further 4 (4, 5, 5) times. 56 (62, 66, 71) sts
  - Cont to dec as set on every RS row only 8 (9, 8, 9) times more. 48 (53, 58, 62) sts
  - Cont in patt without shaping until left Front matches Back
- Leave sts on holder

### Shape right front neck

- With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 66 (72, 78, 83) sts at neck edge



## CHART

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## KEY

- RS: knit
- WS: purl
- RS: k2tog
- ℚ RS: k tbl
- WS: p tbl
- / RS: yfwd
- \ RS: ssk



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- Row 1 (RS): k22 (28, 28, 33), work next RS row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2
  - Row 2 (WS): p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 65 (71, 77, 82) sts
  - Row 3: k1, ssk, k to last 44 (44, 50, 50) sts, work next RS row of Chart 7 (7, 8, 8) times, k2
  - Rep last two rows 4 (4, 5, 5) times. 56 (62, 66, 71) sts
  - Cont to dec as set on every RS row only 8 (9, 8, 9) times more. 48 (53, 58, 62) sts
  - Cont in patt as set until right front matches Back
- Leave sts on holder

### TO MAKE UP

Join shoulders by working a three-needle cast-off (see Knitwise)

### NECKBAND

- Using 4mm (40cm) circular needle, with RS facing and beg at left shoulder, pick up and k 35 (37, 39,

- 40) sts to centre of v-neck, pm, pick up and k 35 (37, 39, 40) sts to right shoulder, four sts to back neck, k32 (34, 36, 38) sts from Back neck, pick up and k four sts to left shoulder, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd. 110 (116, 122, 126) sts
- Rnd 1: p
- Rnd 2: k to three sts before marker, k2tog, k1, sm, k1, ssk, k to end. 108 (114, 120, 124) sts
- Cast off pwise

### ARMBANDS (alike)

- Using 4mm (40cm) circular needle, with RS facing and starting at underarm, pick up and k 52 (56, 57, 59) sts to shoulder and 52 (56, 57, 59) sts down to underarm, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd. 104 (112, 114, 118) sts
  - Rnd 1: p
  - Rnd 2: k
  - Cast off pwise
- Weave in ends and block garment to measurements (see p93) **LK**



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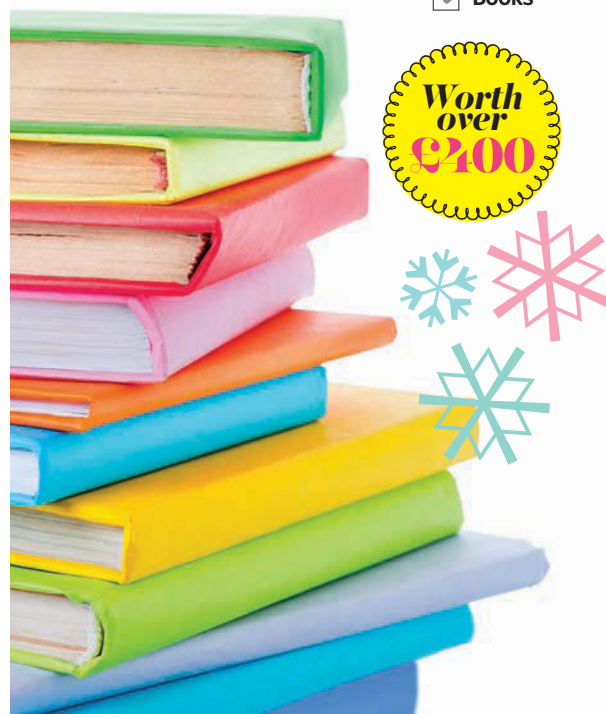
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# Winter Wine

Katya Frankel's hat shows how stylish knit and purl stitches can be!

## Measurements & Sizes

**Brim circumference (cm):** 43.5  
(49, 54.5)

**NOTE:** our sample is shown in the smallest size

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** West Yorkshire Spinners Aire Valley DK, shade 05 Wine, one 100g ball

**Needles:** 3.75mm, double-pointed, set of five

**Stitch markers**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 28 rnds
- 10cm x 10cm
- over patt (after blocking)
- 3.75mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn



**West Yorkshire Spinners Aire Valley DK** is a mix of 75% British wool and 25% nylon, so it's soft yet will withstand daily wear. It has an RRP of £4.99 per 100g (230m) ball. For stockists, call **01535 664500** or visit **www.wyspinners.com**

## Need an Alternative?

If you're sensitive to the lanolin in wool, try **Rico Baby Classic DK**. It's an acrylic and polyamide blend and costs £2.49 per 50g (165m) ball from **01925 764231**, **www.blacksheepwools.com**

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## knitwise

Some knitters find they get ladders in their knitted fabric that show the joins between the double-pointed needles. This is because the stitches have become stretched. Try to keep your movements as small as possible between the last stitch on one dpn and the first stitch on the other, and tug the yarn firmly when knitting the first stitch of a new needle. You can also try redistributing the stitches so the joins are not in the same place on each round.



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*"If you decide to follow the chart, remember that all the rows need to be read from right to left."*

LK Deputy Editor  
Adrienne Chandler

**H**ow about a cheery red beanie to brighten up a grey winter morning? This design uses basic knit and purl stitches to create a subtly textured diamond pattern. It's worked in the round, so there are no uncomfortable seams to worry about. Remember to keep your cast-on row nice and loose to allow your rib to stretch.

## Start knitting here...

### NOTE: start at brim

Using 3.75mm dpns, cast on 96 (108, 120) sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist, pm for beg of rnd

□ Rnd 1: [k1, p2] to end

□ Rnd 2: as Rnd 1

Beg Diamond patt as folls (or work from Chart):

□ Rnds 1-2: [k1, p2] to end

□ Rnds 3-8: [k1, p2, k1, p5, k1, p2] to end

□ Rnds 9-10: [k1, p5] to end

□ Rnds 11-12: [k1, p4, k3, p4] to end

□ Rnds 13-14: [k1, p3, k5, p3] to end

to end

□ Rnds 15-16: [p3, k7, p2] to end

□ Rnds 17-18: [p2, k9, p1] to end

□ Rnds 19-20: [p3, k7, p2] to end

□ Rnds 21-22: [k1, p3, k5, p3] to end

to end

□ Rnds 23-24: [k2, p3, k3, p3, k1] to end

to end

□ Rnds 25-26: [k3, p3, k1, p3, k2] to end

to end

□ Rnds 27-28: [k4, p5, k3] to end

□ Rnds 29-30: [k5, p3, k4] to end

□ Rnds 31-32: [k6, p1, k5] to end

□ Cont in st st (k every rnd) until

Hat meas 12.5cm from cast-on edge

### Crown

Working from Chart or written instructions below, shape crown as folls:

□ Rnds 1-2: [p1, k11] to end

□ Rnds 3-4: [p2, k9, p1] to end

□ Rnds 5-6: [p3, k7, p2] to end

□ Rnd 7: [k1, p3, k1, sl 2, k1, p2sso,

k1, p3] to end. 80 (90, 100) sts

□ Rnd 8: [k1, p3, k3, p3] to end

□ Rnds 9-10: \* k2, [p3, k1] twice,

rep from \* to end

□ Rnd 11: [k3, p1, sl 1 wyif, p2tog,

psso, p1, k2] to end. 64 (72, 80) sts

□ Rnd 12: [k3, p3, k2] to end

□ Rnds 13-14: [k4, p1, k3] to end

□ Rnd 15: [k2, k2tog, p1, ssk, k1] to

end. 48 (54, 60) sts

□ Rnd 16: [k3, p1, k2] to end

□ Rnd 17: [k1, k2tog, p1, ssk] to end.

32 (36, 40) sts

□ Rnd 18: [k2, p1, k1] to end,

remove marker, wyib sl 2, pm for

new beg of rnd

□ Rnd 19: [p1, sl 2, k1, p2sso] to

end. 16 (18, 20) sts

□ Rnd 20: [p1, k1] to end

□ Rnd 21: [k2tog] to end. 8 (9,

10) sts

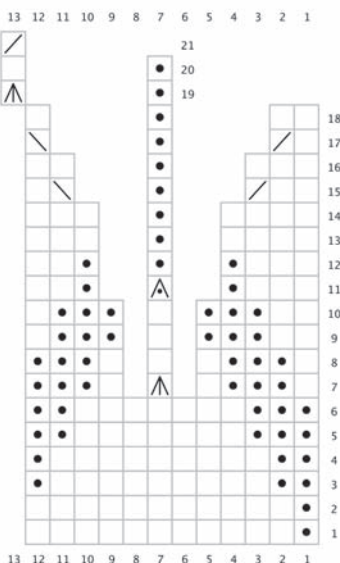
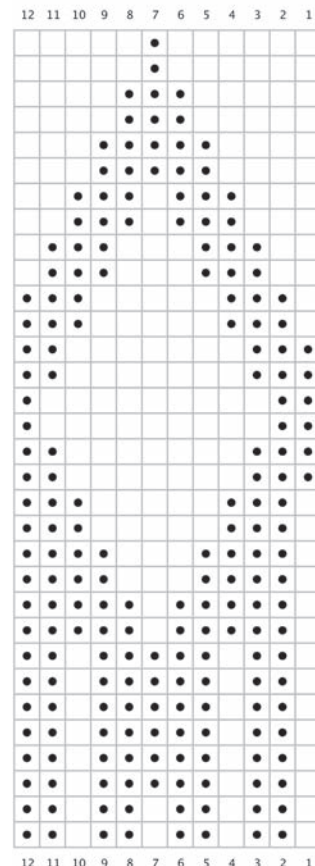
□ Cut yarn, leaving a tail, thread

through rem sts, pull tight and

fasten off

Block hat to size (see p93) and leave

to dry flat. Weave in all ends **LK**



### KEY

□ knit

▲ sl 2, k1, p2sso

▤ k2tog

● purl

▲ p2tog, sl 1, wyif, psso

▤ ssk

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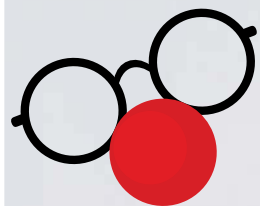
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**W**e're always looking to bring you something a bit different here at LK and this quintet is sure to cause a stir at your Christmas celebrations. Susie Johns has designed three different wigs, including long plaits and an Elvis-style quiff, along with Groucho Marx-inspired glasses and a knitted moustache. Which one suits you?

## Measurements & Sizes

**Wigs:** to fit average sized ladies' head

**Glasses:** 16cm wide x 13cm long (excluding eyebrow fringes)

**Moustache:** 20cm wide x 6cm deep

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Patons Wool Aran, shades (A) 212 Mocca, (B) 299 Black, two 50g balls of each, (C) 220 Maize, (D), 205 Camel, (E) 256 Heaven, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 4mm, 4.5mm

**Crochet hook (optional)**

**Stitch holder**

**Tapestry needle**

**Sponge rollers:** 18-20

**Wadding:** 15cm square

**Plastic glasses**

**Elastic:** 50cm

## Tension Square

- 20 sts x 36 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- garter stitch
- 4.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

Patons Wool Aran is a pure wool yarn that should be handwashed. It comes in a mixture of earthy and bright shades and costs £2.95 per 50g (85m) ball, **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

## Need an alternative?

If you'd prefer a machine washable yarn, try **Stylecraft Special Aran**. It's an acrylic yarn that is soft and easy to knit with. It costs £1.79 per 100g (196m) from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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## knitwise

To make a bigger or smaller wig, first work out the head circumference you need. You can work out how many stitches you'll need to cast on by looking at the tension square. Divide the number of stitches by ten to give you the number of stitches per centimetre. Then multiply this by the head circumference. Don't forget to adjust the number of knit rows before shaping the top, too.

## Start knitting here..

### ROLLERS WIG

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 110 sts

□ K four rows

Change to 4.5mm needles

□ K 22 rows

### Shape top

□ Row 1: (k9, k2tog) to end.

100 sts

□ Rows 2-4: k

□ Row 5: (k8, k2tog) to end.

90 sts

□ Rows 6-8: k

□ Row 9: (k7, k2tog) to end.

80 sts

□ Rows 10-12: k

□ Row 13: (k6, k2tog) to end.

70 sts

□ Rows 14-16: k

□ Row 17: (k5, k2tog) to end.

60 sts

□ Rows 18-20: k

□ Row 21: (k4, k2tog) to end.

50 sts

□ Rows 22-24: k

□ Row 25: (k3, k2tog) to end.

40 sts

□ Row 26: k

□ Row 27: (k2, k2tog) to end.

30 sts

□ Row 8: k

□ Row 29: (k1, k2tog) to end.

20 sts

□ Row 30: (k2tog) to end.

Ten sts

□ Cut yarn and thread tail

through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off



*Let's get this party started!*



## meet our DESIGNER

"I first encountered the party photo booth at my son's wedding reception last year and couldn't believe how popular it was, with guests queuing up to put on silly wigs and glasses and have their pictures taken!"

SUSIE JOHNS

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LK Deputy Editor,  
**Adrienne Chandler**



*Butter wouldn't melt...*

## TO MAKE UP

Use yarn tail to sew back seam. Open up a sponge roller and wind yarn A around roller, to resemble hair. Use ends to attach roller to wig. Repeat for remaining rollers and space them evenly across wig

## ELVIS WIG

### SIDEBURNS (make two)

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

- Rows 1-11: k
- Row 12: k4, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, k to end. Eight sts
- Rows 13-22: k
- Row 23: k7, turn
- Row 24: k
- Row 25: k6, turn
- Row 26: k
- Row 27: k5, turn
- Row 28: k
- Row 29: k4, turn
- Row 30: k
- Row 31: k3, turn
- Row 32: k
- Row 33: k2, turn
- Row 34: k
- Row 35: k

Transfer sts on to a holder

## QUIFF

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 50 sts

- Work in garter st (k every row) dec one st at each end of fifth and every foll alt row until 30 sts rem
- K 16 rows

Transfer sts to a holder

## MAIN WIG

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 27 sts using two-needle method, k8 from one Sideburn, cast on five sts, k30 from Quiff, cast on five sts, k8 from second Sideburn, cast on 27 sts. 110 sts

- Work as for Rollers wig

## TO MAKE UP

Use yarn tail to sew back seam. Roll Quiff backwards, adding wadding to bulk it out. Stitch in place

## PLAITED WIG

- Using yarn C, work as for Rollers wig

## TO MAKE UP

Use yarn tail to sew back seam. Cut 34 strands of yarn each 15cm long. Fold strand in half and pull fold through centre front stitch on cast-on edge. Pass ends through

folded loop and pull tight, just like for a tassel. Repeat until fringe is complete, working outwards from centre strand. Cut 48 strands of yarn, each 60cm long. Attach 24 strands to each side in same way as for fringe, then separate into three equal bundles, and plait. Tie yarn around each plait to secure.

## GROUCHO GLASSES NOSE

Using 4mm needles and yarn D, cast on four sts

- Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- Row 2: (kfb) to end. Eight sts
- Row 4: (kfb) to end. 16 sts
- Row 6: k6, kfb, k2, kfb, k6. 18 sts
- Row 8: k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k6. 20 sts
- Row 10: k16, turn
- Row 11: p12, turn
- Row 12: k11, turn
- Row 13: p10, turn
- Row 14: k9, turn
- Row 15: p8, turn
- Row 16: k to end
- Row 17 and all WS rows: p
- Row 18: k3, k2tog, k10, skpo, k3. 18 sts
- Row 20: k3, k2tog, k8, skpo, k3. 16 sts
- Row 22: k3, k2tog, k6, skpo, k3. 14 sts
- Row 24: k3, k2tog, k4, skpo, k3. 12 sts
- Row 26: k3, k2tog, k2, skpo, k3. Ten sts
- Row 28: k3, k2tog, skpo, k3. Eight sts
- Row 29: (p2tog) to end. Four sts
- Cast off

## MOUSTACHE AND EYEBROWS (make three)

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 14 sts

- K two rows
- Cast off

## FRAME COVER

Using 4mm needles and yarn E, cast on 70 sts

- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in st st
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Remove lenses from plastic glasses. Stitch short ends of Frame cover, then wrap it around glasses frame, stretching it slightly to fit. Sew cast-on and cast-off edges together. Stitch top edges

of nose to Frame cover. To create a bulbous end to Nose, lightly stuff end and secure with a few stitches. Sew Eyebrows to back of Frame cover and Moustache to lower part of Nose. Add small tassels along both Eyebrows and Moustache to make the fringes using same technique as Plaited wig

## HANDLEBAR MOUSTACHE

(make two pieces)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on four sts

- Row 1: kfb, k to last two sts, k2tog
- Row 2: k2tog, k to last st, kfb
- Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice more
- Row 7: kfb, k to end. Five sts
- Rows 8-11: k
- Row 12: kfb, k to end. Six sts
- Row 13: k to last st, kfb. Seven sts
- Row 14: cast on two sts, k to

- end. Nine sts
- Row 15: k to last st, kfb. Ten sts
- Row 16: k to end
- Row 17: k to last st, kfb, 11 sts
- Rows 18-19: k
- Row 20: k to last two sts, k2tog. Ten sts
- Rows 21-22: k
- Row 23: k2tog, k to end. Nine sts
- Row 24: k
- Row 25: k2tog, k to end. Eight sts
- Row 26: k
- Row 27: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Six sts
- Row 28: k
- Row 29: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. Four sts
- Rows 30-31: k
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew cast-off edge of both halves together so one side has RS facing and the other has WS facing. Measure elastic cord to fit around face, knot, and sew moustache to cord **LK**



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# Help?



Hi there! This month we're talking texture – fleece, bouclé, mohair and more!



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## WHAT IS... BOUCLÉ?

Bouclé yarn, such as that used to knit our cosy sweater on page 16, is a textured yarn with loops along its length. These can range in size from small to large, and help create a dense fabric that's been likened to poodle fur! As well as Cygnet, other brands that produce bouclé yarn are Sirdar, Drops, Bernat and Lana Grossa. Opting for a bouclé yarn is a great way to easily create this season's fashionable plush textures if you don't fancy full-on faux fur!

## What can I knit with... TEXTURED OR MOHAIR YARN



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## Ask Martine

**Q** What can I do with tiny scraps of leftover yarn?

**A** Throwing away even the tiniest scrap of leftover yarn just feels wrong, doesn't it? Particularly if the yarn was handspun or expensive. I know lots of knitters (myself included) with a massive stash of scraps. Due to the variety of colours, fibres, and weights, it's tricky to find a suitable knitting pattern. So what can we do with our scraps?

A quick Pinterest search suggests displaying leftover yarn in a decorative bowl. This is not going to work for cat owners, and think of the dust!

A better, more enjoyable solution is weaving. Think small art pieces, for example, a wall hanging. If it goes well, you can consider graduating to garments and investing in a loom – it really depends on how much leftover yarn you have.

For a low-cost experiment, try circular weaving on an embroidery hoop. If you don't have an old embroidery hoop at home, try your local charity shop. For tutorials and inspiration check out [www.theweavingloom.com](http://www.theweavingloom.com) which is a wonderful website by a talented American lady called Kate. She has many helpful posts about circular weaving.

If you're going to experiment with more traditional 'straight' weaving, try making your own lap loom. All you need is wood, nails, and a hammer. You can even make a loom out of a sturdy piece of cardboard and some sticky tape. I'd recommend the weaving classes available on [www.abeautifulmess.com](http://www.abeautifulmess.com)

If you fall in love with weaving and want to take things to the next level, Ashford rigid heddle looms are highly recommended. There is a steeper learning curve involved in using a rigid heddle loom, but Ashford has some great video tutorials to help you. Happy weaving!

**Martine Ellis is a knitter, teacher, crafter, blogger and podcaster based in Guernsey. [www.martineellis.com](http://www.martineellis.com)**

## HOW ABOUT YOU?

**We asked for your favourite stashbusting tips**

"One way of using oddments is to make up kits for items such as toys using a copyright free pattern – or one of your own. These kits can then be donated or sold."

**Michiko Clarke**

"If you have a lot of wool ends that are the same weight you can spit-splice them together to make your own self-stripping yarn." **Roberta Nowicki**

## NEXT ISSUE:

We're looking for Fair Isle knitting inspiration. Email your thoughts to [adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk](mailto:adrienne.chandler@aceville.co.uk). Printed ones win a prize!



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# Learn to knit QUICK & COSY SLIPPERS

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Adrienne Chandler shows you how...

## Here's what you need...

- Two 50g balls of Patons Wool Aran. This lovely shade is called 265 Beach Blue. It costs £2.95 per 100g (210m) ball from 0845 544 2196, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)
- You'll also need oddments of aran or DK yarn to make your pompoms
- A pair of 4.5mm needles
- Tapestry needle

For the pompoms you can use either a pompom maker or the old fashioned method of cutting out cardboard rings.

To make your soles non-slip, apply a latex solution such as Rico Sock Stop, £3.50 for a 50ml bottle from [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

When working in garter stitch with 4.5mm needles, you should be getting 20 stitches and 36 rows over a 10cm square. We used an aran-weight yarn as we wanted a tighter, firmer fabric for these slippers.

The slippers will fit UK ladies' shoe sizes 5-7.

Don't forget to look on page 92 for our list of abbreviations.

## Start knitting here...

### SLIPPER (make two)

Each slipper is worked in one piece, then sewn together along the length of the sole and up the back of the heel. Start with the sole.

### SOLE

Using 4.5mm needles, make a slipknot and place it on your knitting needle. This counts as your first stitch. Now, cast on 93 more stitches, giving you 94 stitches in total.

You can see how to make a slipknot and cast on over on page 94.

#### Row 1: k

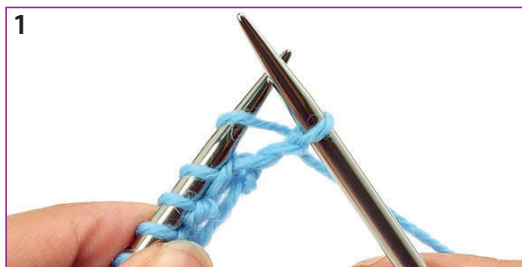
Insert right needle into stitch as shown. Wrap the yarn around the right needle tip from left to right, then use the needle to pull the wrapped yarn through the stitch. Leave this loop on your right needle and let the original stitch drop off the left needle.



#### Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 96 sts

### KFB (knit front and back)

This is a really commonly used increase stitch so is a good one to know. Here's how you do it: Knit the next stitch as normal but keep the original stitch on the left needle.



Move the right needle around then insert the tip into the back of the original stitch as we show in step 2.

Wrap the yarn around the right needle tip from left to right and pull the yarn through the stitch. Now, let the original stitch drop from the left needle.



- Rows 3-4: as Row 2. 100 sts
- Knit 12 rows

### UPPER

#### Next row: k43, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end. 98 sts

This row uses two types of decrease. Here's how you do them:

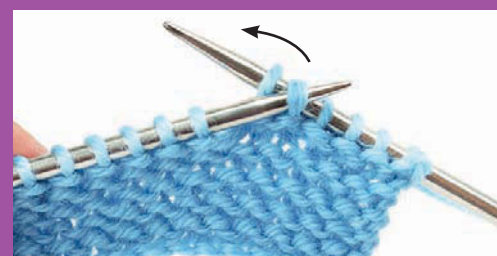
### SKPO

This stands for 'slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over'.

Insert the right needle into the next stitch as if you were going to knit it. Don't knit it. Just let it slide on to the right needle. This is your slipped stitch.



Knit the next stitch as normal, then insert the tip of the left needle into the slipped stitch on the right needle. Lift it over the knitted stitch and off the end of the right needle.



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## K2TOG

Insert the needle into the next two stitches as shown, then wrap the yarn around the needle tip and pull the loop through both stitches. Allow both original stitches to drop off the left needle.



□ **Next row: k42, skpo, p10, k2tog, k to end. 96 sts**

To purl a stitch, make sure the yarn is forward and insert the right needle into the next stitch as shown below. Wrap the yarn around the needle from left to right. Use the right needle to hook the wrapped yarn back through the stitch. Leave this loop on the right needle and let the original stitch drop off the left needle.



□ **Next row: k41, skpo, k10, k2tog, k to end. 94 sts**

□ **Next row: k40, skpo, p10, k2tog, k to end. 92 sts**

□ **Continue like this, decreasing either side of the centre ten sts, until 52 sts rem**

This means you work one stitch fewer before the skpo at the beginning of the row, and alternate between knit and purl for the central ten stitches.

□ **Next row: k**

□ **Next row: k21, p10, k21**

□ **Next row (eyelets): k1, \* yfwd, k2tog, rep from \* to last st, k1**

A yarn forward (yfwd) is an easy-to-work increase which, when paired with the k2tog you were shown earlier, creates deliberate holes in your work. To do a yfwd, bring the yarn to the front of the work between the tips of the knitting needles, then take it over the top of the right needle to make an extra stitch.



Why not try a tweed yarn and two pom-poms?

“These slippers make great Christmas gifts, especially if you are posting them off to relatives, as they are fairly lightweight and they pack fairly flat in a padded envelope.”

LK Designer **Susie Johns**

□ **K three rows**

□ **Cast off**

To cast off, knit two stitches as normal, then insert the left needle tip into the second stitch on your right needle. Lift this stitch over the nearest stitch and off the needle, just like you did with the skpo. You have now cast off one stitch. Knit the next stitch on the left needle, then again pass the second stitch on the right needle over the nearest stitch and off the needle. Keep doing this until all your stitches have been cast off. When you have one loop remaining on your right needle, cut the yarn, thread it through this last stitch and pull it tightly to fasten off.

## TO MAKE UP

Fold each slipper in half and sew two halves of cast-on edge together. Try to keep your stitches small and seam as flat as possible. Stitch side edges together to form back heel seam. Mattress stitch will work well for this. You can see how to do it on page 95. Weave in all ends. Make a long plaited cord from matching yarn and thread this through eyelet row, making sure ends meet at centre front. Make two 3.5cm diameter pom-poms and sew to each end of the plaited cord.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

You have just knitted a pair of super snuggly slippers. Perfect for yourself or a friend who feels the cold!

## Measurements & Sizes

**Small:** 11cm x 7cm  
**Medium:** 12cm x 8cm  
**Large:** 13cm x 8.5cm  
**X-Large:** 15cm x 10cm

## Crochet Kit

**Yarn:** Katia Cotton 100%, shades (A) 04 Red, (B) 16 Blue, (C) 24 Fuchsia, (D) 30 Orange, (E) 42 Green, two 50g balls of each

**Hook:** 3mm

**Cardboard discs:** 2mm, 24

**Number stickers:** silver

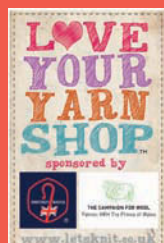
## Special Abbreviations

**fptr:** front post treble – yoh, insert hook through front of work between next two tr, take hook behind next st, yoh, then bring back out to front of work. Complete tr as usual.

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

**Katia Cotton 100%** is a pure cotton DK yarn with a soft finish. It comes in both neutral and bright shades so you'll find something to suit your festive scheme. It has an RRP of £2.85 per 50g (120m) ball. For stockists, go to [www.katia.com](http://www.katia.com)



Pick up everything you need from your local yarn store. Check out our directory on pages 89 - 91

## crochetclever

Change colour during the last stitch of the previous round. In this case, that's during a double crochet stitch. To do it, insert the hook into the stitch and using the old colour, wrap the yarn around the hook and pull it through. Now use the new colour to wrap the yarn around the hook and complete your stitch.

# Crochet Countdown

Sarah Shrimpton's advent stockings are a joy to behold!

**W**e've taken a step away from the traditional red and green in favour of a bold, bright colour scheme. Here are 24 assorted stockings in four different sizes and kids will love finding a treat in the run-up to the big day. They're crocheted in the round but the heel section is worked in rows. Designer Sarah has suggested a stripe pattern for the largest stocking, but has left the other designs up to you so you can really get creative for Christmas! Buy all your tools and materials from your local yarn and craft shop!

## Start to crochet here...

**NOTE:** stockings are worked from the toe up in the round, except for heel section, which is worked in short rows.

Colour changes (see Crochet clever) are given for the X-Large stocking only. For the others, mix and match colours to suit your style. Work 1dc in each st unless instructed otherwise

## X-LARGE STOCKING

(make one)

Using 3mm hook and yarn A, make a magic ring

- Foundation rnd: 6dc in ring. Six sts
- Rnd 1: 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts
- Rnd 2: 1dc in each st to end
- Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts
- Rnd 4: (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts
- Rnd 5: (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts
- Rnd 6: (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts
- Rnds 7-9: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn C in last st (see Crochet clever)
- Rnds 10-13: 1dc in each st to end,

changing to yarn E in last st

Rnds 14-15: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn D in last st

Rnds 16-18: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn B in last st

## Heel

- Row 19: 18dc, turn. 18 sts
- Row 20: 1ch, 12dc, turn. 12 sts
- Row 21: 1ch, 6dc, turn. Six sts
- Row 22: 1ch, 6dc, 1dc in next st from Row 19, turn. Seven sts
- Row 23: 1ch, 7dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. Eight sts
- Row 24: 1ch, 8dc, 1dc in next st from Row 19, turn. Nine sts
- Row 25: 1ch, 9dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. Ten sts
- Row 26: 1ch, 10dc, 1dc in next st from Row 19, turn. 11 sts
- Row 27: 1ch, 11dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. 12 sts
- Row 28: 1ch, 12dc, 1dc in next st

from Row 19, turn. 13 sts

Row 29: 1ch, 13dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. 14 sts

Row 30: 1ch, 14dc, 1dc in next st from Row 19, turn. 15 sts

Row 31: 1ch, 15dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. 16 sts

Row 32: 1ch, 16dc, 1dc in next st from Row 19, turn. 17 sts

Row 33: 1ch, 17dc, 1dc in next st from Row 20, turn. 18 sts

Fasten off yarn B

## Leg

Resume working in rnds, join yarn A with a sl st

- Rnds 34-35: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn E in last st. 36 sts
- Rnds 36-40: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn C in last st
- Rnds 41-45: 1dc in each st to end, changing to yarn D in last st



"If you don't have time to make the whole set, these could double up as tree decs or quirky gift tags!"

LK Deputy Editor  
Adrienne Chandler



## Rib with hanging loop

- Rnd 46: 1 sl st, 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in each st to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 47: 2ch, 1 fptr (see Special abbreviations on page 86), (1tr, 1 fptr in next st) to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 48: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr) 13 times, 1tr, 20ch, sl st in first ch, (1 fptr in next st, 1tr) three times, 1 fptr, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Fasten off
- Weave in ends

## LARGE STOCKING

(make seven)

- Rnds 1-5: work as for X-Large stocking. 30 sts
- Rnds 6-16: 1dc in each st to end

## Heel

- Row 17: 15dc, turn. 15 sts
- Row 18: 1ch, 10dc, turn. Ten sts
- Row 19: 1ch, 5dc, turn. Five sts
- Row 20: 1ch, 5dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Six sts
- Row 21: 1ch, 6dc, 1dc in next st from Row 18, turn. Seven sts
- Row 22: 1ch, 7dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Eight sts
- Row 23: 1ch, 8dc, 1dc in next st from Row 18, turn. Nine sts
- Row 24: 1ch, 9dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Ten sts
- Row 25: 1ch, 10dc, 1dc in next st from Row 18, turn. 11 sts
- Row 26: 1ch, 11dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. 12 sts
- Row 27: 1ch, 12dc, 1dc in next st from Row 18, turn. 13 sts
- Row 28: 1ch, 13dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. 14 sts
- Row 29: 1ch, 14dc, 1dc in next st from Row 18, turn. 15 sts

## Leg

- Resume working in rnds
- Rnds 30-38: 1dc in each st to end. 30 sts

## Rib with hanging loop

- Rnd 39: 1 sl st, 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in each st to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 40: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr in next st) to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 41: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr) 11 times, 1tr, 20ch, sl st in first ch, (1 fptr in next st, 1tr) twice, 1 fptr, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Fasten off
- Weave in ends



## MEDIUM STOCKING

(make eight)

- Rnds 1-3: work as for X-Large stocking. 18 sts
- Rnd 4: (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 27 sts
- Rnds 5-15: 1dc in each st to end

## Heel

- Row 16: 14dc, turn. 14 sts
- Row 17: 1ch, 9dc, turn. Nine sts
- Row 18: 1ch, 4dc, turn. Four sts
- Row 19: 1ch, 4dc, 1dc in next st from Row 16, turn. Five sts
- Row 20: 1ch, 5dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Six sts
- Row 21: 1ch, 6dc, 1dc in next st from Row 16, turn. Seven sts
- Row 22: 1ch, 7dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Eight sts
- Row 23: 1ch, 8dc, 1dc in next st from Row 16, turn. Nine sts
- Row 24: 1ch, 9dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. Ten sts
- Row 25: 1ch, 10dc, 1dc in next st from Row 16, turn. 11 sts
- Row 26: 1ch, 11dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. 12 sts
- Row 27: 1ch, 12dc, 1dc in next st from Row 16, turn. 13 sts
- Row 28: 1ch, 13dc, 1dc in next st from Row 17, turn. 14 sts

## Sock

- Resume working in rnds
- Rnds 29-36: 1dc in each st to end. 27 sts

## Rib with hanging loop

- Rnd 37: 1 sl st, 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in same st, 1tr in each st to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch. 28 sts
- Rnd 38: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr in next st) to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 39: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr) ten times, 1tr, 20ch, sl st in first ch, (1 fptr in next st, 1tr) twice, 1 fptr, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Fasten off
- Weave in ends

## SMALL STOCKING

(make eight)

- Rnds 1-4: work as for X-Large stocking. 24 sts
- Rnds 5-13: 1dc in each st to end

## Heel

- Row 14: 12dc, turn. 12 sts
- Row 15: 1ch, 8dc, turn. Eight sts
- Row 16: 1ch, 4dc, turn. Four sts
- Row 17: 1ch, 4dc, 1dc in next st from Row 14, turn. Five sts
- Row 18: 1ch, 5dc, 1dc in next st

from Row 15, turn. Six sts

- Row 19: 1ch, 6dc, 1dc in next st from Row 14, turn. Seven sts
- Row 20: 1ch, 7dc, 1dc in next st from Row 15, turn. Eight sts
- Row 21: 1ch, 8dc, 1dc in next st from Row 14, turn. Nine sts
- Row 22: 1ch, 9dc, 1dc in next st from Row 15, turn. Ten sts
- Row 23: 1ch, 10dc, 1dc in next st from Row 14, turn. 11 sts
- Row 24: 1ch, 11dc, 1dc in next st from Row 15, turn. 12 sts

## Leg

- Resume working in rnds
- Rnds 25-31: 1dc in each st to end. 24 sts

## Rib with hanging loop

- Rnd 32: 1 sl st, 2ch (counts as 1tr throughout), 1tr in each st to end, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Rnd 33: 2ch, 1 fptr, (1tr, 1 fptr) eight times, 1tr, 20ch, sl st in first ch, (1 fptr in next st, 1tr) twice, 1 fptr, sl st in second of beg 2ch
- Fasten off
- Weave in ends

## TO MAKE UP

Stick numbers to cardboard discs, then stitch in place on each stocking **LK**





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## YARN WEIGHTS

## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>0</b>	no stitches, times or rows	<b>skpo</b>	slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over
<b>-</b>	no stitches, times or rows for that size	<b>sk2po</b>	slip next stitch purlwise, knit two together, pass slipped stitch over and off needle
<b>alt</b>	alternate	<b>sl 2, k1,</b>	slip next two stitches knitwise at the same time, knit one, pass both slipped stitches over
<b>approx</b>	approximately	<b>p2sso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle
<b>beg</b>	beginning	<b>sl 1</b>	slip one stitch
<b>C4F</b>	(cable 4 front) slip two stitches on to cable needle, hold at front of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>sl st</b>	slip stitch
<b>C4B</b>	(cable 4 back) slip two stitches onto cable needle, hold at back of work, k2, k2 from cable needle	<b>sm</b>	slip marker
<b>ch</b>	chain stitch	<b>sp (s)</b>	space(s)
<b>ch sp</b>	chain space	<b>ssk</b>	one by one slip the next two stitches knitwise. Put your left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together
<b>cm</b>	centimetres	<b>st (s)</b>	stitch (es)
<b>cn</b>	cable needle	<b>st st</b>	stocking stitch (k on RS row, p on WS row)
<b>cont</b>	continue (ing)	<b>tbl</b>	through the back loop (s)
<b>dc</b>	double crochet	<b>tr</b>	treble crochet
<b>dc2tog</b>	(insert hook into next stitch, yarn over hook, pull through loop) twice, yarn over hook, pull through all three loops on hook	<b>w&amp;t</b>	(on knit rows) take the yarn between the needles to the front of the work, slip the next stitch from the Left Hand needle to the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn (on purl rows) take the yarn between the needles to the back of the work, slip the next stitch from the Right Hand needle purlwise, take the yarn between the needles back to its original position, slip the stitch back to the Left Hand needle and turn
<b>dec</b>	decrease (ing)	<b>WS</b>	wrong side
<b>dpn(s)</b>	double pointed needle(s)	<b>wyib</b>	with yarn in back
<b>dtr</b>	double treble crochet	<b>wyif</b>	with yarn in front
<b>fol</b>	following	<b>yb</b>	yarn back
<b>htr</b>	half treble crochet	<b>yfwd</b>	yarn forward (between knit stitches)
<b>inc</b>	increase (ing)	<b>yo</b>	work yfwd/yon/yrn as appropriate
<b>k</b>	knit	<b>yoh</b>	yarn over hook
<b>kfb</b>	knit into the front and the back of the next stitch	<b>yon</b>	yarn over needle (between a purl and a knit stitch)
<b>k2tog</b>	knit two stitches together	<b>ym</b>	yarn round needle (between purl stitches and between a knit and a purl stitch)
<b>knwise</b>	knitwise	<b>y2m</b>	wrap yarn twice around needle
<b>m1</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it	*	repeat instructions following the asterisk as many times as instructed
<b>m1p</b>	make one stitch, by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and purling into the back of it	<b>□</b>	work instructions inside the brackets as many times as instructed
<b>meas</b>	measure (s)		
<b>mm</b>	millimeters		
<b>N1 (2, 3)</b>	needle 1 (2, 3)		
<b>p</b>	purl		
<b>pb</b>	place bead		
<b>pfb</b>	purl into the front and back of next st		
<b>pm</b>	place marker		
<b>p2tog</b>	purl two stitches together		
<b>prev</b>	previous		
<b>pssso</b>	pass slipped stitch over and off needle		
<b>p2sso</b>	pass two slipped stitches over and off needle		
<b>pwise</b>	purlwise		
<b>rem</b>	remain (ing)		
<b>rep</b>	repeat (ing)		
<b>rev st st</b>	reverse stocking stitch (p on RS row, k on WS row)		
<b>rm</b>	remove marker		
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)		
<b>RS</b>	right side		

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

NEEDLE SIZING		
UK (mm)	U.S.A	Old UK/Canada
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2.75	2	12
3	-	11
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3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
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6	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
15	-	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
20	36	-
25	50	-



## TENSION HEADACHE

It's really important to knit a tension square before you begin a project. Not everybody knits the same way - some knit more tightly than others - and this will affect how the stitch pattern looks and the finished size of the item. Tension squares are usually presented like this:

**22 sts x 30 rows**  
**10cm x 10cm**  
**stocking stitch**  
**4mm needles**

To knit your tension square, cast on the instructed number of stitches, in this case 22, plus five more. Then, using the needle size and same stitch pattern given, work the instructed number of rows, plus five more. Using a ruler and taking your measurements from the centre of the square, count the number of stitches and number of rows over a 10cm square. If you have more than you should do, it means your knitting is a little tight and you may need to use larger needles. Similarly, if you have fewer stitches and rows, use smaller needles to get the correct tension.

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## AT A LOOSE END?

Follow these steps for weaving in any tails of yarn:

1. Thread the yarn on to a tapestry needle and work with the WS of the project facing upwards.
2. Insert the needle under the loop of each stitch, and draw it through. Work it up

and down the loops of the stitches for 8cm. An alternative method is to weave through the back of the stitch, splitting the strand of yarn as you sew.

3. Cut the yarn close to the fabric.

**NOTE:** In colourwork, weave the yarn tails into the matching colour section.

## SUBSTITUTION

There are many reasons to want to substitute the yarn given in a project, from price to colour selection, but there are some important points to remember.

- Choose a yarn with a similar tension to the suggested yarn. Match the tension given on the ball band of the yarns, as the pattern may use a different stitch. Remember to do a tension square in the new yarn before you begin.
- Consider the fibre content of the yarn and how this might affect the finished project. For example, cotton yarn will knit up very differently to a wool yarn.



- Don't forget to check the care instructions of your new yarn. Not all yarns are machine washable.
- Look at the meterage of the new yarn, rather than the weight of the ball. Not all 50g balls have the same meterage and you don't want to run short when nearing the end of your project.

## ON THE BLOCKS

Blocking is the process of stretching and shaping your finished items to create the correct dimensions from the pattern and even out your stitches. It is also really useful for ensuring that pieces to be joined fit well together. There are a few different ways to achieve this, so check the information on the yarn ball band and pick the most suitable option.

**Wet blocking:** dampen the pieces so that they are wet through and gently squeeze out the excess water. Lay out the pieces and pin them to the correct

measurements, then leave them to dry. For delicate fibres and lace projects, you can just spritz the pieces with a water spray, rather than submerging them fully.

**Steaming:** lay a damp cloth over your work and gently iron over the top - do not iron directly on to your knitting. Continue to iron until the cloth is dry. Another option is to gently hover over your work with the iron and apply steam until the knitting relaxes, this is good for delicate projects and textured stitches. Pin to the desired measurements and allow to set.

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## LK 109 SEPTEMBER Chunky Cardigan, p13

This cardigan was actually photographed in James C. Brett Lakeland, shade K11. You will need 4 (5, 5, 5, 7) 100g balls.



## Man of Steel, p33

You may need an extra ball of yarn for this hat. The brim template is printed at the correct size so does not need enlarging. Also, when sewing the brim to the hat, it is the cast-on edge (26 sts) and sloped edge (4 sts on each side) that are sewn to the 35 stitches of the hat. We do apologise for this.

## LK111, CHRISTMAS SPECIAL Lace Cardigan, p82

The cast-on row is missing from the Sleeves, it should say: 'Using 5.5mm needles, cast on 34 (34, 38, 38, 42, 42, 46) sts'



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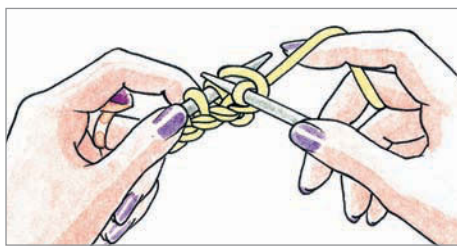
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## KNIT STITCH



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



2 Using the right hand needle, pull a loop of the wrapped yarn through the original stitch to create a new one on the right hand needle. Slide the original stitch off the left hand needle. Repeat from step one. You are now knitting! The knit stitch can be combined with other stitches to create hundreds of different stitch patterns.

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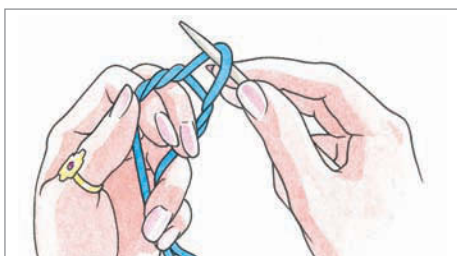


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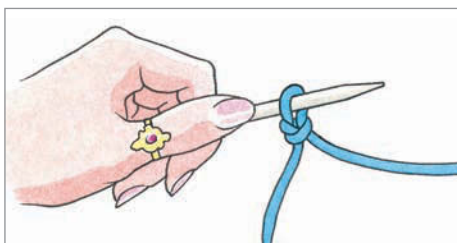


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## MAKING A SLIP KNOT

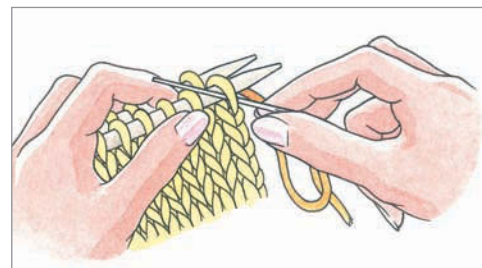


1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the first.



2 Remove the two fingers and gently tug on both ends of yarn to tighten the slip knot around the needle.

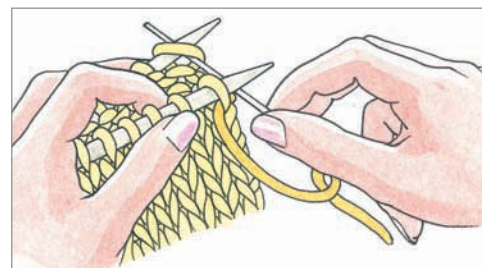
## GRAFT THE TOE



**Kitchener Stitch is the method used to achieve this. It is worked as follows:**

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

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



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

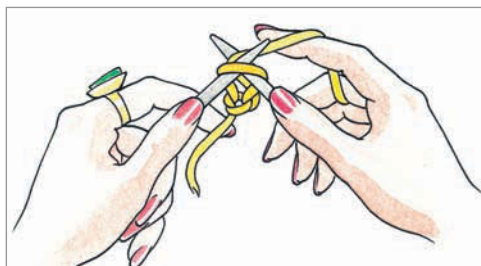


3 Having set up as shown in steps 1 and 2, repeat steps 3 and 4 until all stitches have been grafted. Insert the tapestry needle knitwise into the first stitch on the front needle and slide the stitch off. Before you pull the yarn through this stitch insert the tapestry needle into the next stitch on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



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

## CAST ON



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



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



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

## BACK STITCH

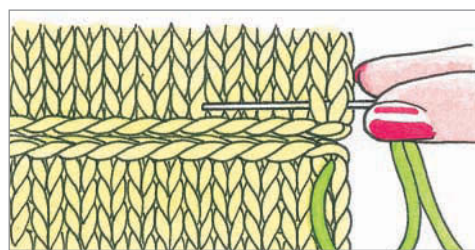


1 Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

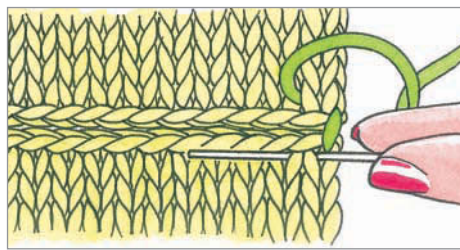


2 Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

## JOINING CAST OFF EDGES

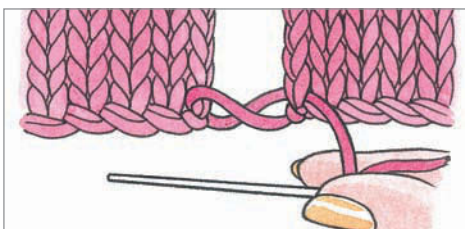


1 Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



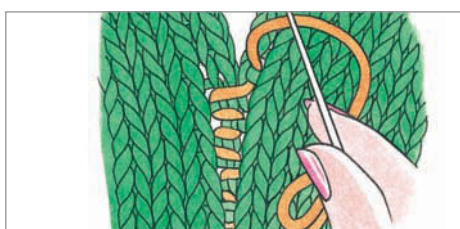
2 Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

## BEGINNING A SEAM



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

## MATTRESS STITCH



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

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## Spotlight on yarn shops!

The Association of Independent Yarn Shop Owners (AIYSO) was formed to help promote independent yarn stores and give owners a voice in the industry. Every issue we'll be catching up with a member store. For more details on AIYSO, visit [www.aiyso.org.uk](http://www.aiyso.org.uk) or email [aiysocommittee@gmail.com](mailto:aiysocommittee@gmail.com)

We chat to **Lesley Wildman & Claire Jarvis** from **The Fibreworks**



**We believe our shop is a creative haven where knitters can get a good selection of yarns not often found elsewhere, alongside help and advice.**

We stock classic brands such as Debbie Bliss and Rowan, as well as lesser known yarns from Lang,

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**Much has been written recently about the therapeutic benefits of knitting for the knitters, but it is also an expression of love.**

If you're knitting for someone else, you have them in your thoughts as you choose your pattern and yarn, as well as during the knitting itself. A knitted gift is truly a 'thoughtful' gift.

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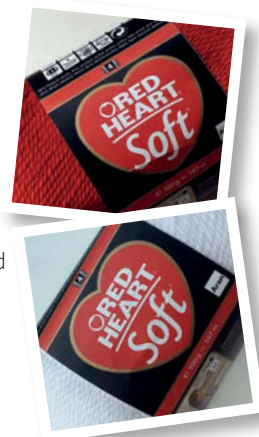
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Use Sirdar's brand new textured yarn Wild to knit an adorable husky pup! Get the pattern at [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)



## KnitUK

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## Jolly Stitcher

Treat yourself to gorgeous yarns from Juniper Moon Farm, now in store at The Jolly Stitcher. You'll find soft Herriot Heathers DK, a pure alpaca yarn in stunning semi-solid shades. There's also Findley Dappled, a beautiful laceweight yarn with 50% silk! Findley DK is a silk and wool blend that can be used to create all sorts of luxurious knits. See the full selection at [www.jolly-stitcher.co.uk](http://www.jolly-stitcher.co.uk) or call 01329 608017





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# Judith's LAST WORD...

We speak to Judith Durant, author of Cable Left Cable Right



***“I’m very lucky to have the opportunity to create, and it’s my goal to share what I learn through books and teaching!”***

**J**udith Durant is a knitter, author and has co-produced 13 fantastic books. With over 50 years experience in crafting and 25 in publishing, she has worked her way up to become a well-respected professional within the industry. We spoke to Judith about her experience, her life and her books...

“My mother taught me to knit when I was eight years old. I took to it immediately and recall that my first projects were a dishcloth, and a royal blue fisherman knit jumper to pair with the pleated skirt that I’d just sewn for myself. It’s still hard for me to believe that in the last ten years I’ve authored, co-authored, or edited 13 books about knitting or crocheting, especially because I came to this profession in a somewhat sideways manner.

I trained in theatrical costume design and then worked in New

York City. For six years I was usually employed in a costume shop or working as a freelance artist making speciality items for plays, musicals and advertisements

When I realised I wasn’t going to be the next hot and in-demand designer, I found my way into a job with a theatrical book publisher. I fell in love with the process of making them, and later became the book editor at Interweave Press. It was here that I learnt about spinning, weaving, and a whole lot more about knitting. I was lucky enough to work with some of the top gurus in America, and my personal skills rose to a whole new level. I am very lucky to have the opportunity to create, and it is my goal to share what I learn through my books and teaching.

I can often be found at my end of the sofa with at least two projects at hand. I’m currently working on an oversized bed cover that I started about five years ago. The finished piece will have 1,444 squares and

measure about 90 inches. I’m now only 57 squares away from completion! I’m also working on a two-colour scarf that is reminiscent of ocean waves, a lace-weight bamboo draped top, and a pair of pillows that will sit perfect in my dear friend’s living room. Once they’re all done, I’d like to knit myself a three-quarter length coat in sport or DK weight yarn, something just right for spring and autumn in New England.

I love to experiment with different knitting techniques, and brioche knitting recently caught my eye. I purchased Nancy Marchant’s lovely book, ‘Knitting Fresh Brioche’, and I’m now off and running. I adapted a stitch pattern from it for knitting in the round, I fiddled with decreasing in pattern, and came up with a very satisfactory hat design. I plan to work with this technique some more, hoping to create some unique stitch patterns. Of course, this will have to sit in the pile on my couch with all the other projects! The trouble I have, is to fit all of this personal knitting in with my book work. The latest edition in the One-Skein Wonders® series, Crochet One-Skein Wonders for Babies, was published in early May of this year, then my latest technique book, Cable Left, Cable Right came out at the end of May. So 2016 has been a very busy year for me!”

## JUDITH'S STASH SECRETS

**If I could describe my yarn stash in one word it would be: Monster! Meaning really big and out of control!**

**1 SOCK YARN**  
Some solid, some variegated and some self-patterning. I’ve yet to meet someone who doesn’t appreciate hand-knit socks, so these make great gifts.

**2 SMOOTH COTTON**  
For knitting with beads, enough for swatching is perfect to have on hand, but that has never stopped me buying more!

**3 WOOL**  
I like to have at least 12 colours, so I can swatch for just about anything I want to create.

**4 SOMETHING LUXURIOUS**  
Cashmere, alpaca, silk, yak. Just enough for a cowl, gloves or other small indulgence.

## Cable Left Cable Right

Judith’s new book eliminates the mystery of knitted cables, with a go-to guide on how to create one of the most common elements in knitting. With over 94 different styles and clear instructions, this read is the perfect companion to have beside you whilst making projects. (£11.99, Storey Publishing)



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**Frosty the polar bear:** 14cm tall (when seated)

**Chilly the penguin:** 10cm tall

**Snowy the seal:** 16cm long

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** (A) Fleecy White, one 25g ball, (B) Snow White, (C) Midnight Black, one 20g ball of each, (D) Sunset Orange, (E) Ocean Blue, one 10g ball of each, all FREE with this issue of LK

#### You'll also need:

**Needles:** 3mm, 3.25mm, 4mm, extra 3mm and 4mm needles for three-needle cast-off (optional)

#### Safety toy stuffing

#### Tapestry needle

### Tension square

26 sts x 32 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
stocking stitch  
3.25mm needles

### Special abbreviations

**rev st st:** reverse stocking stitch where RS rows are p and WS rows are k

**Working wrap tog with st - on a k row:** insert RH needle up through the wrap then into the st, k st and wrap tog

**Working wrap tog with st - on a p row:** slip wrapped st from LH to RH needle, insert LH needle into wrap, return st to LH and p wrap tog with st

**French knots:** bring yarn out through fabric from back to front. Tensioning yarn in your left hand, wrap needle around yarn from back to front - the more wraps, the larger the knot - still holding yarn tightly with left hand, insert needle back into fabric and pull yarn through

### About the Yarn

This yarn has been made exclusively for LK. Yarns B, C, D and E are acrylic and knit to a standard DK tension.

### Need an Alternative?

Any DK yarn can be used for the smooth yarns. Try **Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake DK** as a substitute for yarn A. It costs £1.99 per 25g (85m) ball from [www.purplelinda.crafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelinda.crafts.co.uk)

For abbreviations see page 92 of your main magazine

## FROSTY

**NOTE:** p rows are RS rows to give a fluffier finish

## BODY

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- Row 1 (WS): k to end
- Row 2 and all even rows: p to end
- Row 3: k1, m1, k2, m1, k4, m1, k2, m1, k1. 14 sts
- Row 5: k1, (m1, k4) three times, m1, k1. 18 sts

- Beg with a p row, work nine rows in rev st st
- Row 15: (k1, k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- Row 17: (k1, k2tog) to end. Eight sts
- Divide rem sts evenly over two needles, place with WS together and cast off using three-needle cast-off (see p70 of main magazine). Alternatively, cast off, fold work in half and sew seam

## HEAD

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on seven sts

- Row 1 and all odd rows: p to end
- Row 2 (WS): (k1, m1) twice, k3, (m1, k1) twice. 11 sts
- Row 4: k4, m1, k3, m1, k4. 13 sts
- Row 6: k5, m1, k3, m1, k5. 15 sts
- Row 8: k to end
- Row 10: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. 11 sts
- Row 12: k1, (k2tog) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1. Seven sts
- Cast off



# Snowy the Seal

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**Frosty the  
Polar bear**

**Chilly the  
Penguin**

## **LEG** (make two)

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

□ Beg with a k row, work six rows in rev st st

□ Row 7 (WS): (k2, m1) twice, k2. Eight sts

□ Row 8 (RS): p3, m1, p2, m1, p3. Ten sts

□ Beg with a k row, work three rows in rev st st

□ Divide rem sts evenly over two needles, place with WS together and cast off using three-needle cast-off. Alternatively, cast off, fold work in half and sew seam

## **ARM** (make two)

Using 4mm needles and yarn A,

cast on six sts

□ Beg with a k (WS) row, work six rows in rev st st

□ Row 7 (WS): k1, m1, k2, m1, k2, m1, k1. Nine sts

□ Beg with a p (RS) row, work three rows in rev st st

□ Row 11: (k2tog) to last st, k1. Five sts

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

## **EAR** (make two)

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

□ Row 1 (WS): (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts

□ Row 2 (RS): p to end

□ Row 3: ssk, k1, k2tog. Three sts

□ Row 4: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st  
□ Fasten off

## **HAT**

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

□ K four rows

Change to 3.25mm needles

□ Beg with a k row, work six rows in st st

□ Row 11 (RS): (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

□ Row 12 (WS): p to end

□ Row 13: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts

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

Sew side seam. Make 3cm pom-pom and attach to top of hat

## SCARF

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn E, cast on seven sts

- Row 1: sl 1, k6
- Rep Row 1 until Scarf meas 23cm
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew centre back seam of Body. Fill with toy stuffing. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge and pull to gather. This is top of Body. Sew centre back seam of Head, fill with toy stuffing. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge and pull to gather. This forms nose. Sew Head to Body. Fold Ear in half and sew small side seam. Repeat for second Ear and attach Ears to Head. Using yarn C, embroider nose and eyes. Sew Arm and Leg seams stuffing as you go. Sew Arms and Legs to Body with seams underneath. Weave in ends

## CHILLY THE PENGUIN BODY

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 11 sts

- Row 1 (WS): p to end
- Row 2 (RS): (k2, m1) to last st, k1. 16 sts
- Row 3 and all rows unless specified: work in st st
- Row 6: (k2, m1) to last two

- sts, k2. 23 sts
- Row 10: (k4, m1) to last three sts, k3. 28 sts
- Row 22: (k3, k2tog) to last three sts, k3. 23 sts
- Row 23: (p2, p2tog) to last three sts, p3. 18 sts
- Rows 24-25: cast off seven sts, work in st st to end. Four sts
- Row 29: p1, p2tog, p1. Three sts
- Cast off

## OUTER BODY

Using 3mm needles and yarn C, cast on seven sts

- Row 1: (k1, m1) to last st, k1. 13 sts
- Row 2 and all even rows: p to end
- Row 3: (k2, m1) to last st, k1. 19 sts
- Row 5: (k2, m1) to last st, k1. 28 sts
- Row 7: cast off two sts, ssk, k to end. 25 sts
- Row 8: cast off two sts, p2tog, p to end. 22 sts
- Row 9: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 20 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 13: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 22 sts
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- Row 17: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 20 sts
- Row 18: p to end

- Rep last two rows twice more. 16 sts
- Row 23: k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1, turn
- Row 24: p3, turn
- Cont on these three sts only
- Beg with a k row, work four rows in st st
- Row 29: k3, k3 from unworked sts, k2tog, k1. 13 sts
- Row 30: p1, p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 11 sts
- Cast off

## WING (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn C, cast on 11 sts

- Row 1 (RS): k5, sl 1, k5
- Row 2 and all even rows: p
- Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice more
- Row 7: k1, ssk, k2, sl 1, k2, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- Row 9: k1, ssk, k1, sl 1, k1, k2tog, k1. Seven sts
- Row 11: k1, ssk, sl 1, k2tog, k1. Five sts
- Row 13: ssk, sl 1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 14: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

## FOOT (make two)

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

- Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Row 3 (RS): (k1, m1) twice, k1. Five sts
- Rows 4-6: p
- Row 7: ssk, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 8: p to end
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## BEAK

Using 3mm needles and yarn D, cast on seven sts

- Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Row 3 (RS): k2tog, k1, (k2tog) twice. Four sts
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew side seam of beak







*Have a go at  
short-row shaping*

## TO MAKE UP

Sew centre back seam of Body. Stuff, then sew base of penguin closed. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Outer body, pull tight to gather. Sew small seam which will be top. Place over Body of penguin, using photo as a guide and mark position of eyes. Remove Outer body. Embroider eyes and sew on Beak. Pin Outer body in place, stretching edges to get correct shape. Sew in place and sew small seam either side of tail. Fold each Wing in half and sew side seam. Sew to Body with curved edge towards front. Fold each foot in half along Row 5 and sew side seams. Pin to base of penguin, ensuring it will stand. Sew into place. Weave in ends

## SNOWY SEAL TAIL AND BODY

**NOTE: start at tail and work all wraps tog with st when reached**

\*\* Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on nine sts

- Row 1 (WS): p to end
- Row 2 (RS): k7, w&t
- Row 3: p5, w&t
- Row 4: k4, w&t

- Row 5: p3, w&t
- Row 6: k to end
- Beg with a p row, work two rows in st st
- Row 9: p1, p2tog, p3, p2tog tbl, p1. Seven sts
- Row 10: k1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1. Five sts
- Row 11: p to end
- Cut yarn \*\*
- Rep from \*\* to \*\* to make second tail piece
- Place both tail pieces on your needle with RS facing and work as follows:
  - Row 12: join yarn B, k4, k2tog, k4. Nine sts
  - Row 13 and all odd rows: p to end
  - Row 14: k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, m1, k3, m1, k1. 13 sts
  - Row 16: k1, (m1, k2) twice, m1, k3, m1, (k2, m1) twice, k1. 19 sts
  - Row 18: k1, m1, (k2, m1) twice, (k3, m1) three times, (k2, m1) twice, k1. 27 sts
  - Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
  - Row 24: k12, w&t
  - Row 25: p to end
  - Row 26: k to two sts before wrap, w&t
  - Rep last two rows three times more
  - Row 33: p to end

- Row 34 and all even rows: k to end
- Row 35: p12, w&t
- Row 37: p to two sts before wrap, w&t
- Row 38: k to end
- Rep last two rows three times more
- Row 45 and all odd rows: p to end
- Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- Row 48: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 25 sts
- Row 49: p to end
- Rep last two rows once more. 23 sts
- Row 52: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 21 sts
- Row 53: p1, p2tog, p to last three sts, p2tog tbl, p1. 19 sts
- Row 54: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 13 sts
- Row 55: p to end
- Cast off

## HEAD

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

- Row 1 (RS): k3, m1, k2, m1, k3. Ten sts
- Row 2 (WS): p4, m1, p2, m1, p4. 12 sts

- Row 3: k1, m1, k4, m1, k2, m1, k4, m1, k1. 16 sts
- Row 4: p1, m1, p6, m1, p2, m1, p6, m1, p1. 20 sts
- Row 5: k1, m1, k8, m1, k2, m1, k8, m1, k1. 24 sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 11: k1, ssk, k6, k2tog, k2, ssk, k6, k2tog, k1. 20 sts
- Row 12: p to end
- Row 13: k1, ssk, k4, k2tog, k2, ssk, k4, k2tog, k1. 16 sts
- Row 14: p1, p2tog, p2, p2tog tbl, p2, p2tog, p2, p2tog tbl, p1. 12 sts
- Fold work in half with RS facing and cast off using three-needle cast-off (see page 70 of main magazine). Alternatively, cast off, fold work in half and sew seam

### FRONT FLIPPER (make two)

Using 3mm needles and yarn B, cast on 11 sts

- Row 1 (RS): k8, w&t
- Row 2 (WS): p5, w&t
- Row 3: k4, w&t
- Row 4: p3, w&t
- Row 5: k to end
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
- Row 11: k1, ssk, k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. Nine sts
- Beg with a p row work three rows in st st
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold one tail section in half and carefully sew around edge. Repeat for second tail section. Sew long underneath seam, stuffing as you go. Sew running stitch around cast-off stitches and pull tight to gather. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Head and pull to gather, then sew underneath Head seam, stuffing as you go. Fold cast-off edge in half and sew together for back of Head. Sew Head over cast-off edge of Body. Using yarn C, embroider two French knots for eyes (p2) and straight stitches for nose. Fold each Front flipper in half with WS together and sew seam. Attach flippers with seam towards Body. Weave in ends

## Tiny Toys

Lucinda Ganderton's mini critters are perfect for stocking fillers!

These little guys will fit in the palm of your hand! They're fun to knit too and involve a few different techniques, including stripes, i-cords and slip stitch colourwork.

### Measurements & sizes

9cm tall

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** DMC Natura Just Cotton, shades (A) N61 Crimson, (B) N75 Moss Green, (C) N01 Ibiza, (D) N18 Coral, (E) N49 Turquoise, (F) N41 Siena, (G) N85 Giroflée, (H) N03 Sable, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3mm straight and double-pointed

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Sewing needle and thread**

**Tapestry needle**

**Beads:** 3mm, black, two per toy

### Tension square

27 sts x 34 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
stocking stitch  
3mm needles

### Special abbreviations

**Four-st i-cord:** cast four sts on to one dpn, then use a second dpn to k with. \* K one row, but do not turn, slide sts to other end of needle and pull yarn across back of row, ready to k next row. Rep from \* until enough rows have been worked

### About the Yarn

**DMC Natura Just Cotton** is a 4ply pure cotton yarn with a soft matte finish. It costs £3.55 per 50g (155m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

For abbreviations see page 92 of your main magazine

## CAT BODY AND HEAD

Using 3mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: p
- Join in yarn B
- Rows 3-4: cont in st st
- Change to yarn A
- Row 5: (k1, sl 1 pwise) nine times, k2
- Row 6: k2, (wyib sl 1, wyif k1) to end
- Change to yarn B
- Rows 7-8: cont in st st
- Change to yarn A
- Rows 9-10: cont in st st
- Rows 11-14: rep Rows 7-10
- Join in yarn C
- Rows 15-16: cont in st st
- Row 17: k4, (kfb in next st) twice, k8, (kfb in next st) twice, k4. 24 sts
- Rows 18-20: cont in st st
- Row 21: k4, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k2tog, k4. 20 sts
- Row 22: p
- Row 23: k3, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3. 16 sts
- Row 24: p
- Cut yarn, leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### ARMS AND LEGS (make four)

Using two 3mm dpns and yarn C, cast on four sts

- Work a six-row i-cord (see Special abbreviations)
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TAIL

Using 3mm dpns and yarn C, cast on four sts

- Work a 15-row i-cord
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Join side edges. Stuff lightly. Starting at centre back, sew running stitch around neckline using yarn A. Pull to gather. Pin cast-off edges of Legs to base of body, then sew base closed,

*Bunny*



*Cat*



*Lion*



*Tiger*



*Bear*



working through both layers. Attach Arms and Tail. Using black thread, embroider a triangular nose and a smiling mouth. Sew on beads for eyes, just above nose. Use straight

stitches to embroider three whiskers on each cheek

**EARS** (make two)

- Using 3mm straight needles and yarn C, pick up and k four sts along side of Head
- Row 1: p
- Row 2: k1, k2tog, k1. Three sts
- Row 3: p



*meet our*  
**DESIGNER**

**"When stitching the loops for the Lion's mane and tail, wrap the yarn around a pencil to keep the loops even"**  
LUCINDA GANDERTON

- Row 4: sl 1, k2tog, pss0. One st
  - Fasten off
- Weave in ends

## BEAR BODY AND HEAD

Using 3mm straight needles and yarn D, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1 (WS): k
- Join in yarn E
- Row 2: k
- Row 3: p
- Change to yarn D
- Row 4: k
- Row 5: k
- Rows 6-9: rep Rows 2-5
- Rows 10-12: rep Rows 2-4
- Row 13: p

Join in yarn F

- Row 14: k
- Row 15: p
- Row 16: k4, (kfb in next st) twice, k8, (kfb in next st) twice, k4. 24 sts
- Rows 17-21: cont in st st
- Row 22: k4, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k2tog, k4. 20 sts
- Row 23: p
- Row 24: k3, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3. 16 sts
- Row 25: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## ARMS (make two)

Using two 3mm dpns and yarn F,

- cast on four sts
- Work a four-row i-cord
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## LEGS (make two)

Using two 3mm dpns and yarn F, cast on four sts

- Work an eight-row i-cord
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Cat (p6), omitting whiskers

## EARS (make two)

- Using 3mm straight needles and yarn F, pick up and k four sts along the side of head
  - Row 1: p
  - Row 2: ssk, k2tog. Two sts
  - Pass second st over first st and off needle
  - Fasten off
- Weave in ends

## TIGER BODY AND HEAD

Using 3mm straight needles and yarn G, cast on 20 sts

- Rows 1-2: k
- Join in yarn F
- Rows 3-4: k

Change to yarn G

- Rows 5-12: rep Rows 1-4 twice
- Rows 13-15: rep Rows 1-3
- Row 16: p
- Change to yarn G
- Row 17: k
- Row 18: p
- Change to yarn F
- Row 19: k4, (kfb in next st) twice, k8, (kfb in next st) twice, k4. 24 sts
- Row 20: p
- Change to yarn G
- Row 21: k
- Row 22: p
- Change to yarn F
- Rows 23-24: cont in st st
- Change to yarn G
- Row 25: k4, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k2tog, k4. 20 sts
- Row 26: p
- Change to yarn F
- Row 27: k3, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3. 16 sts
- Row 28: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## ARMS AND LEGS (make four)

- Using yarn G, work as for Cat (p6)

## TAIL

Using two 3mm dpns and yarn G, cast on four sts

- Work a 12-row i-cord
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Cat (p6), omitting whiskers

## EARS (make two)

- Using yarn G, work as for Bear

## LION BODY AND HEAD

Using 3mm straight needles and yarn B, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1: (k1, p1) to end
  - Row 2: (p1, k1) to end
- These two rows set moss st
- Rows 3-16: rep Rows 1-2 seven times
  - Rows 17: p





- Row 18: k4, (kfb in next st) twice, k8, (kfb in next st) twice, k4. 24 sts
- Rows 19-23: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 24: k4, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k2tog, k4. 20 sts
- Row 25: p
- Row 26: k3, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3. 16 sts
- Row 27: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### ARMS AND LEGS

- Using yarn B, work as for Cat (p6)

### TAIL

- Using yarn B, work as for Tiger (p8)

### TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Cat (p6), omitting whiskers

### EARS (make two)

- Using yarn B, work as for Bear (p8)

### MANE

Using yarn F held double. Embroider a row of looped stitches around Head. Finish off end of Tail in same way

## RABBIT BODY AND HEAD

Using 3mm needles and yarn E, cast on 20 sts

- Row 1: k

- Row 2: p

Join in yarn A

**NOTE: letter foll instruction indicates yarn shade**

- Row 3: (k1 A, k1 E) to end

- Row 4: using yarn A, p

- Row 5: using yarn A, k

- Row 6: (p1 E, p1 A) to end

Cont using yarn E only

- Rows 7-12: beg with a k row, work in st st

Join in yarn H

- Row 15: k

- Row 16: p

- Row 17: k4, (kfb in next st) twice, k8, (kfb in next st) twice, k4. 24 sts

- Rows 18-20: cont in st st

- Row 21: k4, k2tog, ssk, k8, ssk, k2tog, k4. 20 sts

- Row 22: p

- Row 23: k3, k2tog, ssk, k6, ssk, k2tog, k3. 16 sts

- Row 24: p

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

### ARMS (make two)

- Using yarn E, work as for Cat (p6)

### LEGS (make two)

- Using yarn A, work as for Cat (p6)

### TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Cat (p6), omitting whiskers

### EARS (make two)

- Using 3mm straight needles and yarn H, pick up and k four sts along side of head

- Row 1: k

- Row 2: p

- Row 3: k1, (kfb) twice, k1. Six sts

- Rows 4-6: cont in st st

- Row 7: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1. Four sts

- Row 8: p

- Row 9: ssk, k2tog. Two sts

- Cast off

Weave in ends

# November Poppy

Knit **Alison Howard's**  
poignant bloom



Taken from  
Knitted Flowers  
by Alison  
Howard (£5.99,  
GMC), this pretty  
flower uses mohair  
yarns for a truly

special knit. [www.thegmcgroup.com](http://www.thegmcgroup.com)

## Measurements & sizes

13cm diameter

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** (A) Red DK mohair, (B) Green DK yarn, (C) Black DK, oddments of each

**Needles:** 3.75mm straight and double-pointed

**Brooch back**

**Tapestry needle**

## About the Yarn

This pattern uses oddments of textured and smooth DK yarn, so see what's in your yarn stash!

For abbreviations see page 92 of your main magazine

## PETALS (make five)

Using 3.75mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on seven sts

Row 1: k

- Row 2: kfb, k to last st, kfb. Nine sts
- Row 3: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 11 sts
- Row 4: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 13 sts
- Rows 5-8: k
- Row 9: (ssk) twice, k to last four sts, (k2tog) twice. Nine sts
- Rows 10-12: k
- Row 13: (ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice. Five sts
- Rows 14-15: k
- Row 16: ssk, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 17: k
- Cast off

## CENTRE

Using 3.75mm straight needles and yarn C, cast on 15 sts

- Row 1: k
- Row 2: (k1, k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- Join in yarn B
- K one row
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Join side seam matching colours

## STEM

Using two 3.75mm dpns and yarn B, cast on four sts

- \* K one row, do not turn, slide sts to opposite end of needle pulling yarn across back of work
- Rep from \* until work meas 10cm
- Do not cut yarn

## Leaf

Work back and forth in rows as follows:

- Row 1: k2, m1, k2. Five sts

- Row 2: k2, p1, k2
- Row 3: kfb, k3, kfb. Seven sts
- Row 4: k3, p1, k3
- Row 5: kfb, k5, kfb. Nine sts
- Row 6: k4, p1, k4
- Row 7: ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog. Seven sts
- Row 8: k3, p1, k3
- Row 9: ssk, k3, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 10: k2, p1, k2
- Row 11: (kfb) twice, k1, (kfb) twice. Nine sts
- Row 12: k4, p1, k4
- Row 13: kfb, k7, kfb. 11 sts
- Row 14: k5, p1, k5
- Row 15 (dec): ssk, k7, k2tog. Nine sts
- Row 16: k4, p1, k4
- Rows 17-20: rep Rows 13-16. Nine sts
- Row 21: ssk, k5, k2tog. Seven sts
- Row 22: k3, p1, k3
- Row 23: ssk, k3, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 24: k2, p1, k2
- Row 25: ssk, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 26: k1, p1, k1
- Row 27: sl 1, k2tog, pssso. One st
- Fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Lay Petals out, slightly overlapping edge, then sew together. Lightly stuff Centre with yarn tails and sew in place. Weave in ends. Attach Leaf and Stem to back of poppy. Add brooch back if you wish



# Whale Watching

Fiona Goble's phone cosy makes a unique gift



This brilliant, fun make is from Knitted Animal Cosies by Fiona Goble (£12.99, CICO Books). It's available from all good bookshops or to

get your copy for £9.99 with free UK p&p, call 01256 302699 and quote HW3.

[www.rylandpeters.com](http://www.rylandpeters.com)

## Measurements & sizes

**To fit phone:** 14cm x 6.5cm

**Actual size:** 20.5cm x 8cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Lion Brand Wool-Ease, shade 123 Seaspray, one 85g ball, oddment of Dark Grey DK

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Button:** 8mm

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

24 sts x 32 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

3.25mm needles

## Special abbreviations

Working wraps together with st: see Frosty & Friends (p2)

## About the Yarn

**Lion Brand Wool-Ease** blends 80% acrylic and 20% wool. It's close to an aran in tension but this project uses smaller needles. It costs £4.99 per 85g (180m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

For abbreviations see page 92 of your main magazine

## FRONT

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 22 sts

□ Rows 1-45: beg with a k row, work in st st

□ Row 46: cast off 14 sts pwise, p to

end. Eight sts

□ Rows 47-50: cont in st st

□ Row 51: k7, w&t

□ Row 52 and every WS row: p

□ Row 53: k6, w&t

□ Row 55: k5, w&t

□ Row 57: k4, w&t

□ Row 59: k3, w&t

□ Row 61: k2, w&t

□ Row 63: k1, w&t

□ Row 64: p

□ Rows 65-68: cont in st st working wraps tog with st

## Shape tail fin

□ Row 69: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts

□ Row 70: p

□ Row 71: k1, m1, k to last st, m1, k1.

Eight sts

□ Row 72: p

□ Rep Rows 71-72 twice more. 12 sts

Perfect stocking filler



□ Row 77: k1, m1, k5, turn

Cont on these seven sts only, leaving rem sts on needle

□ \*\* Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st

□ Next row: ssk, k3, k2tog. Five sts

□ Next row: p2tog, p1, p2tog.

Three sts

□ Next row: sl 1, k2tog, psso.

One st \*\*

□ Fasten off

Rejoin yarn to rem sts on RS of work

□ Next row: k5, m1, k1. Seven sts

□ Work from \*\* to \*\* once more

## TAIL END OF BACK

Using 3.25mm needles,

cast on 22 sts

□ Row 1: [k1, p1] to end

□ Rows 2-4: as Row 1

□ Rows 5-34: beg with a k row,

work in st st

- Row 35: cast off 14 sts, k to end. Eight sts
- Rows 36-39: cont in st st
- Row 40: p7, w&t
- Row 41 and every RS row: k
- Row 42: p6, w&t
- Row 44: p5, w&t
- Row 46: p4, w&t
- Row 48: p3, w&t
- Row 50: p2, w&t
- Row 52: p1, w&t
- Row 53: k
- Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st working wraps tog with st
- Shape tail fin as for front

## HEAD END OF BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 22 sts

- Row 1: [k1, p1] to end
- Rows 2-4: as Row 1
- Beg with a k row, work ten rows in st st
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Place RS of Front and Tail end of back pieces together. Oversew around tail. Turn right way out and join remaining seams using mattress stitch. Position Head end of back piece overlapping other back piece. Join edges using mattress stitch. Lightly stuff tail. Sew on bead for eye. Using oddment of grey DK, embroider mouth using chain stitch. Weave in all loose ends



## Bear Hugs

Laura Strutt's teddy knitter for babes



This cute and cuddly snuggle blanket is from 35 Knitted Baby Blankets (£12.99, CICO Books). It's available from all good bookshops or to get your copy for just £9.99 with free UK p&p, call 01256 302699 and quote HW2. [www.rylandpeters.com](http://www.rylandpeters.com)

## Measurements & sizes

51cm x 51cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Cascade 220 Worsted, shades (A) 9499 Sand, (B) 8622 Camel, (C) 9421 Blue Hawaii, (D) Cascade 220 Heathers, shade 2451 Nectarine, one 100g skein of each, oddment of black

**Needles:** 5mm straight, 4mm double-pointed, set of five

**Crochet hook:** 5mm

**Stitch marker**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

18 sts x 24 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
stocking stitch  
5mm needles

## About the Yarn

**Cascade 220 Worsted** is a hand wash, pure wool yarn that knits to a light aran weight. **Cascade 220 Heathers Worsted** is the same yarn, but comes in semi-solid colourways. Both cost £5.49 per 100g (200m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

For abbreviations see page 92 of your main magazine





## BLANKET

Using 5mm needles and yarn A,

- cast on 60 sts
- Rows 1-100: k
- Cast off kwise

## BORDERS

- Using 5mm needles and yarn C, pick up and k 60 sts along cast-on edge
- Rows 1-3: k
- Change to yarn D
- Rows 4-8: k
- Row 9: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 62 sts
- Rows 10-11: k
- Row 12: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 64 sts
- Rows 13-17: k
- Row 18: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 66 sts
- Rows 19-20: k
- Row 21: k1, kfb, k to last two sts, kfb, k1. 68 sts
- Rows 22-24: k
- Cast off kwise
- Rep along cast-off edge and along two side edges

## BEAR HEAD

Using 4mm dpns and yarn A, cast on 20 sts, divide over four needles, join in rnd, pm for beg of rnd

- Rnd 1: k
- Rnd 2: \* k1, kfb, k to last two sts on needle, kfb, k1, rep from \* three more times. 28 sts
- Rnds 3-10: rep Rnds 1-2. 60 sts
- Rnds 11-13: k
- Cut yarn A and join yarn B
- Rnds 14-19: k
- Rnd 20: \* ssk, k to last two sts on needle, k2tog, rep from \* three times more. 52 sts
- Rnd 21: k
- Rnds 22-29: rep Rnds 20-21. 20 sts
- Rnd 30: as Rnd 20. 12 sts
- Firmly stuff head with toy stuffing
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Weave in ends

## EARS (make two)

Using 4mm dpns and yarn B, cast on eight sts, divide equally over four



- needles, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd
- Rnd 1: k
- Rnd 2: (kfb) in each st to end. 16 sts
- Rnd 3: k
- Rnd 4: \* k1, (kfb) twice, k1, rep from \* three times more. 24 sts
- Rnds 5-7: k
- Move sts on to two needles, hold sts parallel and cast off using three-needle cast off (see p70 of main magazine)

## BORDER

Using 5mm hook and yarn A,

- join yarn anywhere along one side edge with a sl st
- 1ch, 1dc in each row-end and st working (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in each corner
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Sew Ears to Bear head. Use oddment of black DK to embroider eyes, nose, and mouth. Sew Bear head securely in centre of blanket. Weave in all loose ends and block blanket to measurements

## Pompom Party

Use your oddments of yarn to decorate your home for Christmas



**A**lison Howard's book *Pompom Crafts* (£5.99, GMC) features 17 easy projects to use up your stash.

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### Measurements & sizes

30cm diameter

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** oddments of yarn

**Pompom maker, assorted**

**Glue**

**Felt**

**Ribbon**

**Tapestry needle**

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### WREATH

- Cut out a circle approx 30cm diameter from plastic canvas or cardboard, then cut a small circle in the centre
- Use ring as a template and cut out felt backing
- Set to one side
- Using assorted yarns, make enough medium-sized pompoms to fit around outer and inner edges of ring
- Using yarn tails, tie pompoms to ring
- Make an assortment of small and tiny pompoms in different shades and weights of yarn
- Trim yarn tails
- Glue smaller pompoms between gaps



*Use your leftover yarn*



- Trim all yarn ends on reverse
- Glue felt to back of ring, concealing ends
- Thread ribbon or cord on to tapestry needle and push through the top of the wreath from front to back to make a hanging loop

## Christmas Cooks

We love these festive potholders from Drops!

Use Fair Isle to create thick and practical homewares with a fabulously festive feel. Finish them off with a pretty crochet edging.

### Measurements & sizes

**Snowmen:** 20cm x 21cm

**Angels:** 20cm x 20cm

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Drops Paris, **Snowmen:** shades (A) 12 Red, (B) 17 Off white, two 50g balls of each, (C) 15 Black, (D) 13 Orange, one 50g ball of each, **Angels:** shades (A) 12 Red, (B) 17 Off white, (C) 23 Light Grey, two 50g balls of each, oddments of yellow DK

**Needles:** 4mm circular

**Crochet hook:** 4mm

**Stitch marker**

**Tapestry needle**

### Tension square

19 sts x 25 rows

10cm x 10cm

stocking stitch

4mm needles

### About the Yarn

**Drops Paris** is a soft, matte cotton yarn that knits to a light aran tension. Working this pattern on smaller needles than usual gives a thicker, more protective fabric. It costs £1.05 per 50g (75m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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### SNOWMEN

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 74 sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd and in 38th st to mark side edges

**NOTE: charts are overleaf**

Rnd 1: \* work Row 1 of Chart A once, work Row 1 of Chart B three

times, rep from \* once more  
 Cont as set until Charts A and B have been completed  
 Cast off using yarn B  
Using yarn C, embroider French knots where shown on Chart. Fold pot holder flat

### BORDER

Using 4mm hook and yarn B, starting at top left corner and

working through both layers of knitting, work as follows:  
 Rnd 1: 1dc in corner, 1dc in every st around entire edge, make 14ch for strap, sl st in first dc  
 Rnd 2: \* 3ch, 1dc in first of 3ch, miss two sts, 1dc in next dc, rep from \* to end, working 1dc in each ch for strap, sl st in sl st from prev rnd  
 Fasten off



## ANGELS

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 80 sts, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd and in 41st st to mark side edges

- K two rnds
  - Next rnd: work Row 1 of Chart C twice across rnd
  - Rep last rnd working next row of Chart C until Chart is complete
  - Using yarn B, cast off
- Using oddment of yellow DK, embroider halo for each angel

## BORDER

Using 4mm hook and yarn B, starting at top left corner and working through both layers of knitting, work as follows:

- Rnd 1: 1dc in corner, \* miss 1cm, 1dc in next st, rep from \* around entire edge, make 14ch for strap, sl st in first dc
- Rnd 2: \* 3ch, 1dc in first of 3ch, miss one dc, 1dc in next dc, rep from \* to end, working 1dc in each ch for strap, sl st in sl st from prev rnd
- Fasten off **LK**



### KEY FOR CHARTS A AND B

- yarn A
- yarn B
- yarn C
- French knot

CHART A

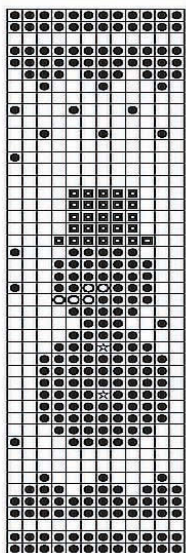


CHART B



### KEY FOR CHART C

- yarn A
- yarn B
- yarn C
- yellow

CHART C

