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# welcome to *Let's* Knit



Few of us can resist a baby knit, especially when it's modelled by a jolly little cherub like Ruben (above)! Our nine-page special starts on page 39 and features garments for boys and girls, super-cute shoes and easy toys. As well as being adorable and useful these makes have the added appeal of

taking no time at all. They're also great for all skill levels. If you're looking for something a little bigger there's also a stylish blanket by Julie Ferguson that would work for boys or girls.

Our favourite knitting duo Arne & Carlos are back with a new book, *Field Guide To Knitted Birds*, full of colourful versions of various feathered friends, including a bespectacled, sweater-wearing pair who look strangely familiar! The first 25 readers who buy the book using the special code on page 63 will receive a signed copy, and we've also got copies to win (add your tick to the form on page 72). Read all about the incredible knitting highlights of these Scandi stars on page 62.

The British Knitting & Crochet Awards is open for nominations! Turn to page 34 for details of what you can win just by telling us who your favourites are.

Happy knitting

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Love to Crochet

## In a league of their own!

The Brand New '**Sirdar Bear Book 2**' is full of lovable bear characters in all their sporting glory! The bears and outfits are made in **Sirdar Snuggly Snowflake Chunky, Snuggly DK and Sirdar Cotton DK**. Book only £6.99 and yarn starts from £1.99 per ball.



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Check out all  
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yarn bundles  
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The Craft Store  
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## This month's free gifts

### 5 BALLS OF YARN + ADORABLE PUPPY PATTERNS!

**Knit the set with your yarn kit!**



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- best for gifts!



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**PLUS**  
Bonus unicorn  
bootie pattern!





# March is the Month...

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## SHEEPY DELIGHTS

### Home Comforts

Decorate your knitting corner with pretty cushions, like this spring lamb design from George at Asda. £6, [www.george.com](http://www.george.com)

### Time for Tea

"If I can't take my knitting I'm not going!" We might have said that more than once! We love this mug, coaster and magnet set. £10, 01768 771447, [www.vanessa-beedesigns.co.uk](http://www.vanessa-beedesigns.co.uk)



### Chocolate Treats

This little fellow is Wilbur and he's almost too cute to eat - almost. £7.99, 0131 561 6406, [www.dobbies.com](http://www.dobbies.com)



## Your Fab Knits



LK reader and instagram user @locknits has made Nicky Fijalkowska's adorable guinea pig from our February issue. Great job!



## TOPTEDS

Sue Jobson's cuddly crew are feeling sporty in the brand new The Bear Book 2! It's filled with patterns for cute and fluffy teds with sweet outfits, inspired by tennis, golf, cycling and more. For stockists, visit [www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk) or call 01924 231682.



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AND START KNITTING FOR  
NEW ARRIVALS!



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this month on our  
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*We've all fallen  
in love with  
Luke the cute  
and cuddly  
sloth. Find the  
pattern on  
page 17!*

### *We've just seen...*

this stunning shade of Manos del Uruguay Marina! It's a laceweight yarn made from pure merino wool fibres. This is shade 9952 and we love the combination of vibrant peacock and soft, silvery-grey. It costs £16.70 per 100g (800m) skein from 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

*See more fab new yarns on page 67!*



### *Heaven Scent*

Knit our easy-knit lavender  
sachet in just a few hours!  
Download the pattern for  
free at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)

## *What to do, WHERE TO GO*

**DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL  
CRAFTY SHOWS AND EVENTS!**

**25TH-  
26TH  
MAR**

**CRAFTING LIVE,  
DONCASTER**  
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APR-  
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MAY**

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## *Don't Miss THIS!*

### **THE KNITTING & STITCHING SHOW, EDINBURGH**

The Knitting & Stitching Show returns to The Royal Highland Centre on the 27th-30th April and tickets are on sale now. Stock up your knitting, crochet and sewing supplies, discover new skills at the many workshops available and pop along to the drop-in knit and crochet sessions. Plus, there's the chance to enter the show's Knitted Garden competition. For more details and to book online, visit [www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/edinburgh](http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/edinburgh) or call 0844 581 1319.



## **WORKSHOPS TO BOOK NOW!**

### **1 PROFESSIONAL FINISHING**

DATE: SAT 1ST APRIL, WARRINGTON  
PRICE: £49.95

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### **2 CHOOSE YOUR OWN SOCKVENTURE**

DATE: SUN 9TH APRIL, BARNET, HERTS  
PRICE: £60

Join designer and sock knitter extraordinaire Rachel Coopey as she shows you how to create your own fun knitted socks using all those little oddments you've got hidden away in your yarn stash. [www.janiecrow.co.uk](http://www.janiecrow.co.uk)

### **3 BEGIN KNITTING**

DATE: THURS 27TH APRIL,  
PORCHESTER, PRICE: £15

Send your friends to this entry-level class so they can share your love of knitting! They'll learn how to hold the yarn and needles comfortably, cast-on, cast-off, knit, purl and follow a basic pattern. [www.hants.gov.uk](http://www.hants.gov.uk)



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



**Holly Gillespie** brings you all the latest knitty news

## Adorable TOYS

Can a knitter ever have too many accessories? Of course not! HiyaHiya's compiled its most popular tools into this handy accessory case and project bag. Each set contains a multitude of crafting goodies including colourful stitch markers, aluminium 'Darn It!' needles and a Panda Li Tape Measure. The accessory case and project bag come in a range of attractive colours and designs. We can't wait to stash our knitting needles and notions! Visit [www.hiyahiya-europe.com](http://www.hiyahiya-europe.com) to find out more.



## Spring Fun

Prepare to feel inspired by Rowan's new range of stunning designs. The easywear garments featured in the new Beachcomber collection in Magazine 61 promise to deliver fashion for all the family, so there's simply no excuse not to busy yourself casting on! To find out more information about the Chalkwell kids' pattern shown here and to view the other stunning accompanying designs in this collection, visit [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)



## Did You KNOW?

**THE LONGEST SCARF KNITTED  
WHILST RUNNING A MARATHON  
WAS 3.7M LONG, KNITTED BY  
DAVID BABOCK.**

## Light & Lovely

It's official, spring knitting is finally here! Sirdar has launched a new cotton yarn which is ideal for the shawls and light tops we've been dreaming of. Toscana DK is a beautifully phased colour effect yarn that gives eye-catching stitch definition, so it's the perfect choice for sunny walks. It's available in a palette of fresh, bright colours and has an RRP of £6.69 per 100g (212m) ball. For stockist information visit [www.sirdar.co.uk](http://www.sirdar.co.uk)

## The Charity WE LOVE

### CATS PROTECTION

Knitters, help unwanted cats and kittens with Cats Protection's tips on making feline-friendly toys and activities. From boredom-busting feeding toys to simple catnip pouches, the charity will be on hand with plenty of crafty ideas when it attends the WI Fair at London's Alexandra Palace from 29 March - 1 April. Knitters can donate knitted goods to any of Cats Protection's branches, shops and adoption centres across the UK. If you fancy knitting for kitties then find out more at [www.cats.org.uk](http://www.cats.org.uk)







## PERFECT Patterns

If you're in need of some knitted inspiration, then look no further, as King Cole has launched a range of fashionable springtime designs in the gorgeous Opium yarn. There's everything from fresh sweaters to gorgeous shawls, we can't wait to fill up our wardrobe with these textured wonders. If you're looking for something new to cast on, then find stockists for pattern 4829 and more online at [www.kingcole.com](http://www.kingcole.com)

## Feeling Foxy

Knitted animals are amazing, they're great for cuddling and little ones love them. Gift Horse Knit Kits has welcomed Rufus the Fox to the family and if you've mastered the basics of knitting then you can too. He's knitted up in Sirdar Snuggly, so is perfect for early nights and naptimes! The Rufus the Fox knit kit costs £16, call **01874 665 343** or visit [www.gifthorsekits.co.uk](http://www.gifthorsekits.co.uk) for more information.



## We asked our readers...

WHAT YARN IS BEST FOR SPRINGTIME KNITTING?

*"Sirdar Americana or Rowan Summer Tweed."*

@ANGELA\_GROTBAGS

*"You can never go wrong with cotton or a cotton mix. Personally, I like Stylecraft's Classique Cotton DK or Drops Paris."*

@MYNANNAKNITS

*"I like Lily Sugar 'N Cream Cottons!"*

@BETH\_ORY

*"Cashmere! But then I might be a little biased?"*

@CASHMEREDUK

*"I would use a baby DK or a cotton yarn."*

@CARRIEPOCOCK

3 OF THE BEST...

Spring Flowers



### Flower Frenzy

What better way to prepare for the sunshine than with this floral brooch? Make one up for yourself or present it as a gift to a hard-working mum. Download the pattern free from [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk)



### Wonderful Wreath

Door decs aren't just for December. Brighten up your porch with this gorgeous flower circle by Susie Johns. Download the pattern free from [www.topcrochetpatterns.com](http://www.topcrochetpatterns.com)



### Time For Tea

In the UK, there's always time for a cuppa! Sip your favourite brew whilst you admire this gorgeous, warming teacosy. View the pattern now at [www.justjen-knitsandstitches.blogspot.co.uk](http://www.justjen-knitsandstitches.blogspot.co.uk)





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# Step into spring with our **LACE HEM SWEATER**

**T**he zesty shade of this gorgeous top just screams springtime! The lace detail adds a lovely feminine touch to this otherwise simple design. If you're not confident working from lace charts, then fear not; we've got written instructions for you too. It has quite a loose fit so is a great wardrobe staple for everyday wear.



## meet our **DESIGNER**

"The lace pattern is worked at the base of the body and the edge of the sleeves. Short-row shaping is used to add subtle shaping to the decorative lace hem."  
ANNIKEN ALLIS



## Measurements & Sizes

### Dress size (approx):

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

### To fit chest (cm):

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

### Actual chest (cm):

92 (101, 110, 119)

### Length along sides (cm):

56 (57.5, 59, 60)

### Sleeve length (cm):

34 (35, 35.5, 36.5)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Yarn Stories Fine Merino 4ply, shade 2516 Spring Green, 6 (7, 7, 8) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.5mm straight and 40cm circular

**Stitch holders:** four

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 28 sts x 36 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles

## Special Abbreviations

**ssp:** slip next two sts kwise, return sts to LH needle, then p2tog tbl

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

**Working wraps tog with st (on a p row):** from RS side of work, lift wrap and place it in front of p st, p st and wrap tog

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## About the Yarn

**Yarn Stories Fine Merino 4ply** is a pure wool yarn that is spun in Yorkshire. It has been treated to make it machine washable at 30°C and there are ten pretty shades to choose from. A 50g (178m) ball costs £5.25 from **01484 848431**, [www.yarnstories.com](http://www.yarnstories.com)

## Need an Alternative?



**West Yorkshire Spinners Signature 4ply** is a blend of 25% nylon with 75% wool, including Bluefaced Leicester fibres. There are pastel and bright solid shades, plus self-patterning effects available. It has an RRP of £7.20 per 100g (400m) ball. For stockists, call **01535 664500** or visit [www.wyspinners.com](http://www.wyspinners.com)

## CHART - WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS

- Row 1 (RS): k2, [k1, k2tog, k6, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k6, ssk, k1] to last two sts, k2
- Row 2 (WS): p2, [p1, p2tog tbl, p13, p2tog, p1] to last two sts, p2
- Row 3: k2, [k1, k2tog, k4, yfwd, k1 tbl, yfwd, k1, yfwd, k1 tbl, yfwd, k4, ssk, k1] to last two sts, k2
- Row 4: as Row 2
- Row 5: k2, [k1, k2tog, k2, \* yfwd, k1 tbl, yfwd, k1, rep from \* three times more, k1, ssk, k1] to last two sts, k2
- Row 6: p2, [p1, p2tog tbl, p17, p2tog, p1] to last two sts, p2
- Row 7: k2, [k1, k2tog, \* k1 tbl, k1, rep from \* six times more, k1 tbl, ssk, k1] to last two sts, k2
- Row 8: p to end
- Row 9: k to end
- Row 10: k to end
- Row 11: k2, [\* k2tog, yfwd, rep from \* eight times more, k1] to last two sts, k2
- Row 12: k to end
- Row 13: k to end
- Row 14: p to end

## Start knitting here..

### BACK

Using 3.5mm needles, cast on 137 (156, 175, 175) sts

**NOTE: if you have too many sts for straight needles, use circular needle and work back and forth in rows**

- K eight rows
- Commence Lace patt using Chart or written instructions as follows:
- Next row (RS): work Row 1 of Lace patt working 19-st patt rep 7 (8, 9, 9) times
- Next row (WS): work Row 2 of Lace patt working 19-st patt rep 7 (8, 9, 9) times
- Cont as set until all 14 rows of Lace patt have been worked twice in total
- Commence short-row shaping as follows:
- Next row (RS): k to last 10 (10, 15, 15) sts, w&t
- Next row: p to last 10 (10, 15, 15) sts, w&t
- Next row: k to ten sts before last turn, w&t
- Next row: p to ten sts before last turn, w&t
- Rep last two rows once more
- Next row: k to end, working wraps tog with st
- Next row: p to end
- Next row (RS): k32 (37, 42, 42), k2tog, pm, k69 (78, 87, 96), pm, ssk, k32 (37, 42, 42). 135 (154, 173, 173) sts
- Beg with a p row, work 9 (5, 5, 9) rows in st st
- Next row (RS): k to two sts





before marker, k2tog, sm, k69 (78, 87, 96), sm, ssk, k to end  
☐ Rep last 10 (6, 6, 10) rows 2 (5, 8, 2) more times. 129 (142, 155, 167) sts  
☐ \*\* Cont in st st until Back meas 37.5 (38, 38.5, 38.5) cm, ending after a WS row

### Shape armhole

☐ Cast off 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 117 (128, 139, 149) sts  
☐ Next row (RS): k2, ssk, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2  
☐ Next row (WS): p2, p2tog, p to last four sts, ssp, p2  
☐ Rep last two rows 3 (2, 4, 5) times more. 101 (116, 119, 125) sts  
☐ Cont to dec as set on RS rows only a further 2 (2, 2, 1) times. 97 (112, 115, 123) sts \*\*  
☐ Cont in st st without shaping until Back meas 55 (56.5, 58, 59) cm along sides, ending after a WS row

### Shape right neck

☐ Next row (RS): k25 (32, 33, 36), turn  
 Leave rem sts on holder  
☐ Next row (WS): p1, p2tog, p to end  
☐ Next row: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1. 23 (30, 31, 34) sts

### Shape right shoulder

☐ Next row: p16 (20, 20, 22), w&t

☐ Next row: k to end  
☐ Next row: p8 (10, 10, 11), w&t  
☐ Next row: k to end  
☐ Next row: p to end working wraps tog with st  
 Leave sts on holder

### Shape left neck

Leave 47 (48, 49, 51) sts on holder at Back neck, with RS facing rejoin yarn at neck edge  
☐ Next row (RS): k to end. 25 (32, 33, 36) sts  
☐ Next row (WS): p to last three sts, ssp, p1. 24 (31, 32, 35) sts  
☐ Next row: k1, ssk, k to end. 23 (30, 31, 34) sts  
☐ Next row: p to end

### Shape left shoulder

☐ Next row (RS): k16 (20, 20, 22), w&t  
☐ Next row (WS): p to end  
☐ Next row: k8 (10, 10, 11), w&t  
☐ Next row: p to end  
☐ Next row: k to end working wraps tog with st  
 Leave sts on holder

### FRONT

Using 3.5mm straight needles, cast on 137 (156, 175, 175) sts

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☐ Next row (WS): work Row 2 of Lace patt working 19-st patt rep 7 (8, 9, 9) times

☐ Cont as set until all 14 rows of Lace patt have been worked twice in total

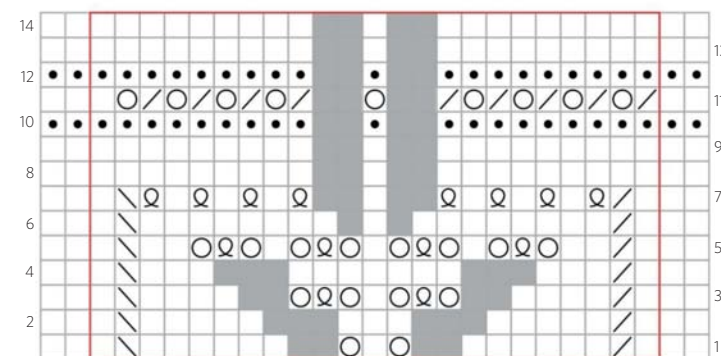
☐ Beg with a k row, work eight rows in st st

**PATTERN CONTINUES ON PAGE 96**



## knitwise

This chart features grey boxes, which represent 'no stitch'. This is because of shaping that has yet to be worked. By placing these squares on the chart, it keeps the chart in a neat grid and means you can see where the rest of the stitches sit in relation to each other.



#### KEY

☐ RS: knit  
☐ WS: purl  
☐ RS: k2tog  
☐ WS: p2tog  
☐ RS/WS: no stitch  
☐ RS: yfwd  
☐ RS: ssk  
☐ WS: p2tog tbl  
☐ RS: k tbl  
☐ WS: knit  
☐ pattern repeat



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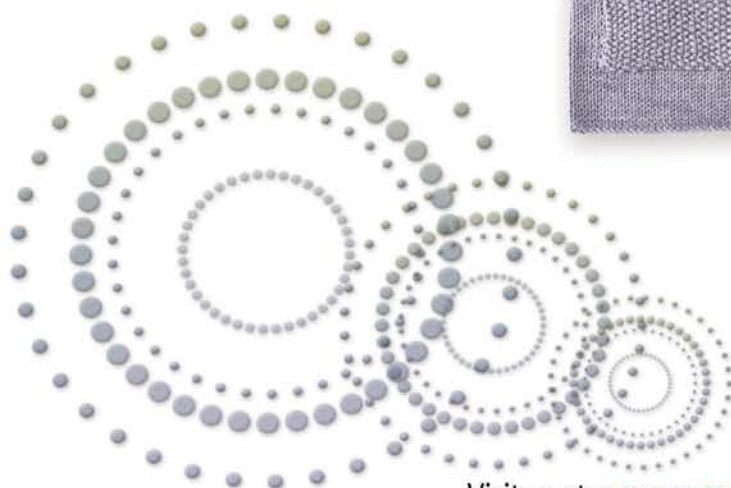
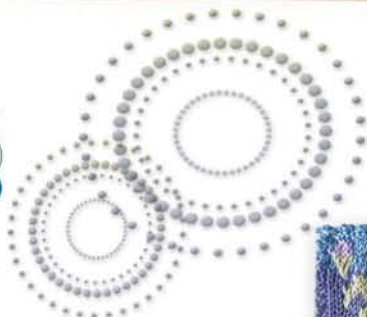
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# Luke *the Sloth*

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## Measurements & Sizes

### Body length:

22cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** (A) King Cole Moments, shade 1612 Squirrel, two 50g balls, (B) King Cole Merino Blend DK, shade 046 Aran, one 50g ball  
Oddments of Medium Brown and Dark Brown DK

**Needles:** 3.5mm, 2.75mm

**Beads:** two, 5mm

**Poppers:** two, 8mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Thread**

**Sewing needle**

## Tension Square

- 22 sts x 31 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**King Cole Moments** is a faux fur fibre that is ideal for knitted teddies and toys. It's made from 100% polyester, it knits up quickly and it's machine washable. It costs £1.95 per 50g (90m) ball.

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## Start knitting here..

### BODY

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 2: p
- ☐ Row 3: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Row 4: p
- ☐ Row 5: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts \*\*
- ☐ Row 6: p
- ☐ Row 7: (k3, kfb) to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Row 8-24: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 25: k10, (k2tog, k1) ten times, k10. 40 sts
- ☐ Rows 26-44: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 45: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Row 46: p
- ☐ Row 47: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 48: p
- ☐ Row 49: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### FACE

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn B, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 3: p
- ☐ Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Row 5: p
- ☐ Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Row 7: p
- ☐ Row 8: (k3, kfb) to end. 50 sts
- ☐ Rows 9-17: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 18: k10, (k2tog, k1) ten times, k10. 40 sts
- ☐ Rows 19-29: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 30: (k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 31: p
- ☐ Row 32: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### HEAD

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Work as Body to \*\*
- ☐ Rows 6-26: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 27: (k1, k2tog) to last st, k1. 27 sts
- ☐ Row 28: p
- ☐ Row 29: (k1, k2tog) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Cast off

### ARMS (make two)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 20 sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 35 rows in st st
- ☐ Row 36: (k3, k2tog) to end. 16 sts

- ☐ Rows 37-47: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Cast off

### LEGS (make two)

Using 3.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 22 sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 33 rows in st st
- ☐ Row 34: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 17 sts
- ☐ Rows 35-41: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Cast off

### INNER EYES (alike)

Using 2.75mm needles and oddments of medium brown DK, cast on 14 sts

- ☐ Row 1: p
- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew sides together to make circle, attach bead in centre

### EYE STRIPS (alike)

Using 2.75mm needles and oddments of Medium Brown DK, cast on five sts

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

### NOSE

Using 2.75mm needles and oddments of Dark Brown DK, cast on 16 sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work three rows in st st
- ☐ Next row: (k2tog) to end.

Eight sts

- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### CLAWS (make 12)

Using 2.75mm needles and oddments of Medium Brown DK, cast on eight sts

- ☐ Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 4: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts
- ☐ Row 5: p
- ☐ Row 6: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- ☐ Row 7: p1, p2tog
- ☐ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

With Body cast-off edge yarn tail, sew back seam halfway. Weave cast-on edge tail along cast-on edge and pull tightly. Sew seam, stuff and shape. With Head seam at centre, attach inner eyes and eye strips to Face. Seam Nose, stuff and attach to Face. Sew Head to Face and stuff. Attach Head to Body. For limbs, gather thread at cast-on edge and sew seam. Place seam in centre front, stuff and sew cast-off edge together. Seam each Claw, attach three to each limb. Attach poppers on inner sides of hands and feet **LK**







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# Spring style

This fabulous trio is perfect for the new season!

## Measurements & Sizes

**Brooch:** 10cm diameter

**Scarf:** 10cm x 170cm (exc. tassels)

**Headband:** 44 (48) cm, with 5-10cm negative ease

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** (A) Sublime Cotton Silk DK, shade 0438 Anglaise, one 50g ball, (B) King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK, shade 619 Denim, one 100g ball

**Needles:** 4mm

**Crochet hook:** 4mm (Scarf only)

**Cable needle**

**Brooch back or hair clip**

**Button:** shell, 3.5cm

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension Square

- 20 sts x 24 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch (yarns A and B)
- 4mm needles

## Special abbreviations

**C7B:** sl four sts onto cn, hold at back of work, k3, k4 sts from cn

**LT:** k into second st on LH needle, then into first st, sl both sts off LH needle together

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Sublime Cotton Silk DK** is a luxurious mix of cotton and silk. The two fibres are plied to give a subtle texture. It costs £5.45 per 50g (125m) ball. **King Cole Bamboo Cotton DK** blends 50% cotton with 50% bamboo-sourced viscose and has a wonderful drape and a pretty sheen. It costs £6 per 100g (230m) ball from **0845 544 2196, www.loveknitting.com**

## Need an Alternative?

The flower can be made from oddments of yarn from your stash. **DY Choice Cotton Fresh DK** is a pure cotton yarn that would work as a substitute for both yarns. You will need two balls for the scarf, but this will be enough to make the headband too. It costs £3.55 per 100g (170m) ball from **01394 547077, www.theknittersattic.co.uk**

**H**ave a go at twisted stitches, cables, eyelets and i-cords with Jacinta Bowie's stylish collection. There's a classic headband, a lacy skinny scarf and a pretty flower that can be turned into a brooch or hair clip. The i-cords in this set are all worked on straight needles, so you don't need to worry about fishing out your dpns.

## Start knitting here...

### HEADBAND

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 23 (29) sts

□ Row 1 (WS): k3, [p2, k1] 5 (7) times, p2, k3

□ Row 2: k3, [LT, p1] 5 (7) times, LT, k3

□ Row 3 (inc): k3, [p2, k1, yrn] 5 (7) times, p2, k3. 28 (36) sts

□ Row 4: k3, [LT, p2] 5 (7) times, LT, k3

□ Row 5: k3, [p2, k2tog, yrn] 5 (7) times, p2, k3

□ Rep last two rows until work meas 44 (48) cm, ending after a WS row

□ Next row (dec): k3, [LT, p2tog] 5 (7) times, LT, k3. 23 (29) sts

□ Next row: k3, [p2, k1] 5 (7) times, p2, k3

□ Next row: k3, [LT, p1] 5 (7) times, LT, k3

□ Cast off, leaving a long tail

### TO MAKE UP

Join cast-on and cast-off sts together using mattress stitch, pulling up as tightly as possible. Weave in loose ends. Do not block the work so it keeps its elasticity in the rib

### I-CORD TRIM

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

□ Row 1: k

□ Row 2: sl all sts back onto LH needle, k

□ Rep last row until work meas 37cm

□ Cast off

Weave in ends. Tie Trim in a



bow around cast-off/cast-on seam of Headband

### SCARF

Using 4mm needles and yarn B, cast on 25 sts

**NOTE: work from Chart (see Knitwise) or written instructions**

□ Row 1 and all WS rows: p

□ Row 2 (RS): p9, C7B, p9

□ Row 4: p9, k7, p9

□ Row 6: as Row 4

□ Row 8: as Row 4

□ Row 10: as Row 2

□ Row 12: p8, k3, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k3, p8

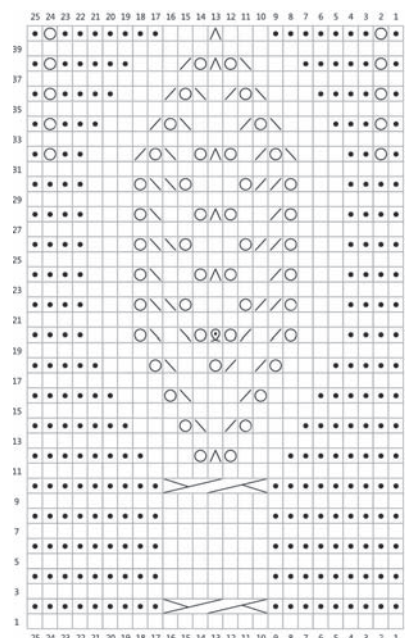
□ Row 14: p7, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k1, ssk, yfwd, k3, p7

□ Row 16: p6, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k3, ssk, yfwd, k3, p6

□ Row 18: p5, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yfwd, k2, ssk, yfwd, k3, p5

□ Row 20: p4, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yfwd, p1 tbl, yfwd, ssk, k1, ssk, yfwd, k3, p4

□ Row 22: p4, k3, yfwd, [k2tog] twice, yfwd, k3, yfwd, [ssk] twice, yfwd, k3, p4



### KEY

□ RS: knit  
□ WS: purl

⊗ p tbl

○ yfwd

● p

— ssk

△ sl 1, k2tog, psso

— k2tog

— C7B



- ☐ Row 24: p4, k3, yfwd, k2tog, k2, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k2, ssk, yfwd, k3, p4
- ☐ Row 26: as Row 22
- ☐ Row 28: as Row 24
- ☐ Row 30: as Row 22
- ☐ Row 32: p1, yfwd, p2, k3, ssk, yfwd, k2tog, k1, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k1, ssk, yfwd, k2tog, k3, p2, yfwd, p1
- ☐ Row 34: p1, yfwd, p3, [k3, ssk, yfwd, k2tog] twice, k3, p3, yfwd, p1
- ☐ Row 36: p1, yfwd, p4, k3, ssk, yfwd, k2tog, k1, ssk, yfwd, k2tog, k3, p4, yfwd, p1
- ☐ Row 38: p1, yfwd, p5, k3, ssk, yfwd, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yfwd, k2tog, k3, p5, yfwd, p1
- ☐ Row 40: p1, yfwd, p7, k3, sl 1, k2tog, psso, k3, p7, yfwd, p1
- Rows 1-40 set patt
- ☐ Rep patt eight more times, then rep Rows 1-11 once more
- ☐ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Block Scarf to measurements. With remaining yarn cut 56 lengths of yarn, each 36cm long. Separate into 14 groups of four strands and, inserting bunches from back to front, attach seven sets of four strands as tassels evenly along cast-on and cast-off edges

## FLOWER BROOCH LARGE FLOWER

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

- ☐ \*\* Row 1: k
- ☐ Row 2: sl all sts back onto LH needle, k \*\*
- ☐ Rep last row until cord meas 98cm
- ☐ Cast off, leaving a long tail

## SMALL FLOWER

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

- ☐ Rep from \*\* to \*\* as for Large flower
- ☐ Rep last row until cord meas 88cm
- ☐ Cast off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

Divide each flower into seven and loop each section in a line. Sew through bottom of loops. Attach cast-on and cast-off edges of each flower and sew through middle of flower. Place Small flower over Large flower and sew in place. Sew button in centre and attach brooch back or hair clip to reverse **LK**



## knitwise

The chart begins with a WS row, which means it should be read from left to right. Read all your even-numbered rows from right to left. The circle symbols represent your yarn forwards and when paired with the decreases in the pattern, these create your eyelets. The chart will help show you where these eyelets sit in relation to the other stitches.







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**Rowan Stone Washed** is a new cotton yarn which resembles denim fabric, and has a fab range of accompanying patterns designed by Wool And The Gang. It costs 50g (75m) ball, visit [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com) for stockists.

**DesignEtte Linea** is a lovely super-fine linen yarn that's easily one of the smoothest in our stash. It's ideal for delicate knits, and costs £11.25 per 50g (240m) ball from [www.designette.co.uk](http://www.designette.co.uk)





## Measurements & Sizes

**Dress size (approx):** 4-6 (8-10, 12-14, 16-18, 20-22, 24-26)  
**To fit chest (cm):** 71-76 (81-86, 91-96, 102-106, 112-116, 120-126)  
**Actual chest (cm):** 88 (98, 108, 118, 128, 138)  
**Length to back neck (cm):** 69 (69, 72, 72, 76, 76)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Patons 100% Cotton DK, shade 2697 Denim, 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) 100g balls

**Needles:** 3.75mm

**Stitch holders**

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 14 sts x 24 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Over pattern
- 3.75mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Patons 100% Cotton DK** is a pure cotton yarn that has been mercerised to make it strong and shiny. It's machine washable too so is great for everyday garments. It costs £4.19 per 100g (210m) ball from [www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purplelindacrafts.co.uk)

## Need an Alternative?

See what effect you can create with a matte cotton yarn, like **King Cole Cottonsoft DK**. It's a soft and versatile pure cotton and costs £3.99 per 100g (210m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

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## knitwise

In this pattern you are deliberately dropping certain stitches, which creates that lovely openwork check effect. To do it, drop the next stitch off the left needle and allow that vertical column of stitches to unravel down the work until it reaches the Set-up row. Depending on your yarn, you may need to gently tug a few horizontal strands to encourage them to unravel.

# Layer up with Jacinta Bowie's Long Length Waistcoat

**It's a tricky time of year for fashion as we're eager to get to spring but can't quite shake off those winter chills. That's where layering garments like this come in. Pair this with a long-sleeved top and jeans on colder days or something lighter for when the sun shines. You'll be deliberately dropping stitches, but don't panic; read our Knitwise panel to guarantee success.**

## Start knitting here..

### BACK

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 70 (78, 86, 94, 102, 110) sts

- Foundation row: sl 1 pwise, k to end
- Rep last row five times more
- Set up row (WS): \* k4, [k2tog] twice, yfwd, rep from \* 8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13) times, k6. 62 (69, 76, 83, 90, 97) sts
- \*\* Rows 1-7: sl 1 pwise, k
- Row 8: k, wrapping yarn twice around needle
- Row 9: k, dropping extra loops from prev row
- Rows 10-15: sl 1, k to end
- Rep Rows 8-15 a further 12 times, ending after a RS row \*\*

### Shape sleeve

Cont in patt as set and work as folls:

- Cast on and k four sts at beg of next four rows, then two sts at beg of foll six rows. 90 (97, 104, 111, 118, 125) sts
- Work 44 (44, 52, 52, 60, 60) rows in patt without shaping

### Shape shoulders

Cont in patt, shape shoulders as folls:

- Row 1: patt 84 (91, 98, 105, 112,

119), turn

- Row 2: patt 78 (85, 92, 99, 106, 113), turn

- Row 3: patt 72 (79, 86, 93, 100, 107), turn

- Row 4: patt 66 (73, 80, 87, 94, 101), turn

- Row 5: patt 60 (67, 74, 81, 88, 95), turn

- Row 6: patt 54 (61, 68, 75, 82, 89), turn

- Row 7: patt 48 (55, 62, 69, 76, 83), turn

- Row 8: patt 42 (49, 56, 63, 70, 77), turn

- Row 9: patt to end

- Row 10: \* k6, drop next st (see Knitwise), yfwd, rep from \* to last

six sts, k to end

- Row 11: \* k6, k into front and back of yfwd from prev row, rep from \* to last six sts, k to end. 102 (110, 118, 126, 134, 142) sts

- K next six rows

- Cast off

### RIGHT FRONT

Using 3.75mm needles, cast on 38 (38, 46, 46, 54, 54) sts

- Foundation row: sl 1, k to end
- Rep last row five times
- Set up row: \* k4, [k2tog] twice, yfwd, rep from \* 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) times, k6. 34 (34, 41, 41, 48, 48) sts
- Work as for Back from \*\* to \*\*





## Shape sleeve

\*\*\* Cont in patt as set and work as folls:

- ☐ Cast on and k four sts at beg of next and foll alt row, then two sts at beg of next three foll alt rows. 48 (48, 55, 55, 62, 62) sts
- ☐ Work 44 (44, 52, 52, 60, 60) rows in patt without shaping

## Shape shoulder

- ☐ Row 1: patt 42 (42, 49, 49, 56, 56), turn
- ☐ Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8: patt to end
- ☐ Row 3: patt 36 (36, 43, 43, 50, 50), turn
- ☐ Row 5: patt 30 (30, 37, 37, 44, 44), turn
- ☐ Row 7: patt 24 (24, 31, 31, 38, 38), turn
- ☐ Row 9: patt to end
- ☐ Row 10: \* k6, drop next st (see Knitwise), yfwd, rep from \* to last six sts, k to end
- ☐ Row 11: \* k6, k into front and back of yfwd from prev row, rep from \* to last six sts, k to end
- ☐ K next six rows
- ☐ Cast off

## LEFT FRONT

- ☐ Work as for Right front to Sleeve shaping
- ☐ Patt one row without shaping
- ☐ Work as for Right front from \*\*\* to end

## TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends and sew seams together using mattress stitch, leaving a gap at hem for a split of seven repeats. Sew shoulder seams leaving Back neck open to desired width. Block to measurements **LK**

White top from a selection at Gap, Jeans £29.50 Marks & Spencer, Necklace £14 Next, Bracelet model's own



Welcome the warmer weather with this easy-knit number that's incredibly versatile and eye-catching! It's a refreshingly light knit that will keep you comfortably warm and looking stylish. The simple eyelet detailing is great for beginner knitters who want to practice more intricate stitch patterns, but it's still challenging enough to interest more experienced knitters too.

### Measurements & sizes

24cm x 95cm

### Tension square

21 sts x 30 rows  
10cm x 10cm  
Stocking stitch  
4.5mm needles

### You will need:

#### YARN:

Rico Design Essentials Merino DK,  
shade 01 Roses, three 50g balls

#### NEEDLES:

4.5mm

### Start knitting here

Using 4.5mm needles, cast on 51 sts

- \* Row 1: (k1, p1) twice, k43, (p1, k1) twice
  - \* Row 2: k1, p1, k1, p45, k1, p1, k1
  - \* Rows 3-4: rep Rows 1-2
  - \* Row 5-7: rep Row 1
  - \* Row 8: (k1, p1) twice, (p2tog, yrn) 21 times, p2, k1, p1, k1
  - \* Rows 9-10: rep Row 1
  - \* Row 11-14: rep Rows 1-2 twice
  - \* Row 15-17: rep Row 1 three times
  - \* Row 18: as Row 8
  - \* Rows 19-26: rep Rows 15-18 twice
  - \* Rows 27-28: rep Row 1 twice
- These 28 rows set patt
- \* Rep patt ten times more
  - \* Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Join cast-on and cast-off edges.  
Weave in ends and press lightly **LK**

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Rico Design Essentials Merino  
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# Welcome spring with our ROSEBUD COWL

Knit Lucinda Ganderton's pretty accessory



For abbreviations see page 92





# Debbie Bliss

## BOTANY LACE

DB128 Girls Bolero in Botany Lace shade 3012 Ronda.  
For more details on the Debbie Bliss range please visit: [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)



# 32 REASONS WE LOVE *The New Season*

We round up our favourite new yarns and patterns for spring/summer

## Lovely Linen

This plant fibre will keep you cool and calm on even the hottest days and here are two fab linen blends for you to try, both new for 2017!

**Rowan Breezed** blends 80% cotton with 20% linen, and has a chainette construction with an unusual thick and thin thread running throughout. It's wonderfully lightweight, so is an ideal choice for the season. Keep an eye on [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com) for more details on its release.

**Cascade Yarns® Hampton** mixes pima cotton with 30% linen to give a lovely DK yarn that's perfect for warm weather knits. It's coming soon, so keep an eye on [www.cascadeyarns.com](http://www.cascadeyarns.com) for more details and stockist information.



## EASYWEAR FASHION

This season is all about garments that don't need a lot of styling to look fabulous. There are loads of exciting patterns out there and you don't even need to be an expert knitter to give them a go. We think **shawls** and **wraps** are essential accessories year-round, but especially in spring and summer. Light and lacy designs look great paired with vest tops and pretty frocks. Visit our website at [www.letsknit.co.uk](http://www.letsknit.co.uk) for brilliant free patterns.

**Capes** and **ponchos** are the epitome of easy-to-wear style. This gorgeous stripy number with roll-neck collar and button detailing is from Sublime Book 711. Visit [www.sublimeyarns.com](http://www.sublimeyarns.com) to find out more.



## COOL COTTON

Cotton is a popular choice for spring/summer knits as it drapes well and its natural properties help to draw moisture away from your skin. This absorbing quality also means it takes dye well so there are some gorgeous shades and colour effects to be found.

**Sirdar Toscana DK**. 100% mercerised cotton. Self-patterning colourways. £5.85 per 100g (212m) ball. **0845 003 0775**, [www.wool4less.co.uk](http://www.wool4less.co.uk)

**Stylecraft Classique Cotton 4ply**. 100% cotton. Soft matte finish. RRP £2.70 per 50g (182m) ball. For stockists, call **01535 609798** or go to [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)

**Bergere de France Coton Satiné**. 100% mercerised cotton. RRP £3.85 per 50g (115m) ball. For stockists or to buy online, visit [www.bergerefrance.co.uk](http://www.bergerefrance.co.uk)



Sirdar leaflet 7909



## Chainette Treats

Most yarns are spun with a typical twist, but this year we've seen another construction method coming to the fore. Chainette yarns look like little tubes of pre-knitted fabric - almost like tiny i-cords. They're great for transforming traditionally heavier fibres, like cotton, into lovely light-to-wear garments.

**Louisa Harding Mazze**. 60% cotton and 40% polyamide. Self-patterning with a contrasting thread through the centre.

RRP £13.25 per 100g (180m) ball. For stockists, call **01535 664222**, [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)

**Debbie Bliss Sita**. 45% Mulberry silk, 40% cotton and 15% polyamide. RRP £9.95 per 50g (115m) ball. For stockists, call **01535 664222**, [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)

**Sublime Evie Prints**. 94% cotton and 6% polyamide. Variegated colour effect. £5.43 per 50g (115m) ball. **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)





## KNIT & CROCHET HOME STYLE

DY Choice has a whole new collection of homeware patterns to spruce up your abode this season. There are knitted and crocheted designs to choose from and the range includes **cushions**, **throws** and **handy storage pots**.

01535 664222, [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)

### Perfect Blends

Cotton can be quite a heavy fibre, but by combining it with other fibres you really can get the best of both worlds. **Cascade Yarns® Sarasota** mixes cotton and acrylic and has a fabulous stone-washed colour effect. It's launching soon, so keep checking [www.cascadeyarns.com](http://www.cascadeyarns.com) for more details. **Cascade Yarns®**

**Anchor Bay** blends cotton with superwash merino wool and has wonderful stitch definition - try it with a classic moss stitch or cable for a fantastic summer knit. It costs £6.75 per 100g (240m) ball from

0845 544 2196,

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



## AMAZING ALPACA

Alpaca is a great choice for the changing seasons as it's light to wear but will keep you cosy.

**Rooster Alpaca 4ply** is a wonderfully soft yarn that comes in 20 colourways including natural

and dyed shades. The yarn will be available in March with an RRP of £13.20 per 100g (367m) skein.

For stockists, call 01829 740903,

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



### Simple shapes

We love **casual-fitting summer T-shirts**. They're really flattering and quite often they have very little shaping - that's a win-win! There are plenty of patterns to choose from and we love this vibrant number by Susie Johns. Find the pattern in our next issue, on sale Thursday 16th March!

### Mighty Mint!

Pastel hues, like this calm and soothing **mint green** shade are a popular choice with yarn makers this season. It's a fabulous colourway that will help you brush off those grey wintry days and bask in the fresh spring air. Check out our top pick of mint green yarns and goodies over on page 36.



Turn the page





## DESIGNER DENIM

Get the on-trend denim look knitty style! **Stylecraft Jeanie** is an aran-weight yarn that blends cotton and acrylic and is inspired by all things denim. We love the supporting **pattern collection** that includes these two fabulous garments! The yarn has an RRP of £4.75 per 100g (210m) ball. For stockists call **01535 609798** or go to [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)



## Fab Baby Yarns

Treat your little ones to these exciting new yarns! Wendy Fleur was launched for the autumn/winter season and now little ones can enjoy this super soft brushed yarn too! **Peter Pan Petite Fleur DK** is the same great blend of 44% cotton, 28% tencel and 28% acrylic and comes with adorable pattern support. RRP £3.05 per 50g (175m). For stockists, call **01943 872264** or go to [www.tbramsden.co.uk](http://www.tbramsden.co.uk)

**Cygnat Kiddies Super Safe & Soft** is new for this season, too, and features Amicor technology, which creates an anti-microbial barrier on knitted

garments. It also contains dralon which is resistant to pilling, so it's a really practical choice for baby knits. The yarn launches in March so keep checking [www.cygnetyarns.com](http://www.cygnetyarns.com) for updates.

**Woolyhippo Baby 4ply** is a great value option and is really soft, too! It mixes 90% acrylic with 10% nylon and is a practical option as it can be machine washed and tumble dried. £1.75 per 100g (470m) ball from **01455 634127**, [www.woolyhippo.com](http://www.woolyhippo.com)



## Knit a rainbow

Let the yarn do the colourwork with **Caron Cakes**. Each ball features five great shades and the effect depends on whether you use the yarn tail from the inside or outside of the ball. It's an acrylic and wool blend that works well for both knitting and crochet projects and has an RRP of £12.99 per 200g (350m) ball. It's launching in March and will be available to buy at several retailers, including Hobbycraft, LoveKnitting and Wool Warehouse.



## STYLISH STRIPES

Stripes are a summer classic but there's still plenty of creativity to be found. This **stripy cardi** mixes bands of different widths and is from Rowan Selects Breezed. The collection features seven gorgeous seasonal designs for the new Rowan Breezed yarn (see page 28) and launches in March. [www.knitrowan.com](http://www.knitrowan.com)

## Summer sparkle

Add a bit of glitz to your next make with new **Hayfield Bonus Glitter DK**. It's a great value acrylic DK yarn that has a co-ordinating polyester thread running throughout. There are ten shades to choose from and it costs £2.79 per 100g (296m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)



## TECHNICOLOUR TREATS

There's something rather magical about yarns that change colour while you knit, and this season there are plenty to keep us busy! These three new arrivals are all great examples of variegated yarns that create fabulous effects.

**Debbie Bliss Botany Lace**. Pure merino wool. £12.95 per 100g (410m) skein. **Louisa Harding Marmo**. 50/50 cotton-acrylic blend. £13.25 per 100g (160m) skein. **Lotus Yarns Bamboo Soft**. 100% bamboo-sourced viscose. £6.95 per 50g (100m) skein. For stockists on all three yarns, call **01535 664222**, or go to [www.designeryarns.uk.com](http://www.designeryarns.uk.com)





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## Measurements & Sizes

45cm x 45cm

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Cygnet Glittery DK, shades (A) Bluebell, (B) Pink, (C) Turquoise, (D) Ice White, (E) Royal, (F) Cygnet DK, shades Lilac, (G) Kiwi, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 4mm

**Cushion pad:** 45cm square

**Buttons:** heart-shaped, three

## Tension square

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Cygnet Glittery DK** is 95% acrylic with a metallic polyester thread running throughout. It can be machine washed and costs £2.40 per 100g (282m) ball. **Cygnet DK** is a practical and versatile acrylic yarn that comes in more than 45 shades. It costs £1.65 per 100g (298m) ball. Both yarns are available from 01526 869112, [www.thatlittlewoolshop.co.uk](http://www.thatlittlewoolshop.co.uk)

## knitwise

Most sections of the chart use the intarsia method, where you use a smaller bobbin of yarn for each colour section on the row. Give the two strands a twist when changing colour to avoid a hole. Where the colour changes after just a few stitches, you can carry the yarn across the back of the work, but keep the tension even. If it's too loose it'll look untidy, but pull it too tight and you'll get puckers in the fabric.

"The glittery yarn gives this cushion a really magical touch!"

LK Deputy Editor Adrienne Chandler

# Once UPON A TIME

Cygnet's glittery fairytale cushion is sure to be a hit!

**T**urn your child's bedroom into a magical land with this fun and sparkly cushion. The castle motif is worked using a combination of stranding and block colourwork – see our Knitwise panel to learn the difference between the techniques. Only one ball of each colour is needed, so why not make another in more unisex colourways?

## Start knitting here...

### FRONT

Using 4mm needles and yarn G, cast on 90 sts

□ Beg with a k (RS) row and reading RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right, work from Chart until Chart is complete

□ Cast off

### LOWER BACK

Using 4mm needles and yarn F, cast on 90 sts

□ Beg with a k row, work 56 rows in st st \*\*

Change to yarn A

□ Next row (RS): (k2, p2) to last two sts, k2

□ Next row (WS): (p2, k2) to last two sts, p2

Last two rows set rib

□ Work ten more rows in rib

□ Cast off in rib

### UPPER BACK

□ Work as for Lower Back to \*\*

Change to yarn A

□ Work four rows in rib as for Lower Back

□ Next row (buttonhole): rib 24, \* cast off next two sts in rib, rib 20

including st used in cast-off, rep from \* to end

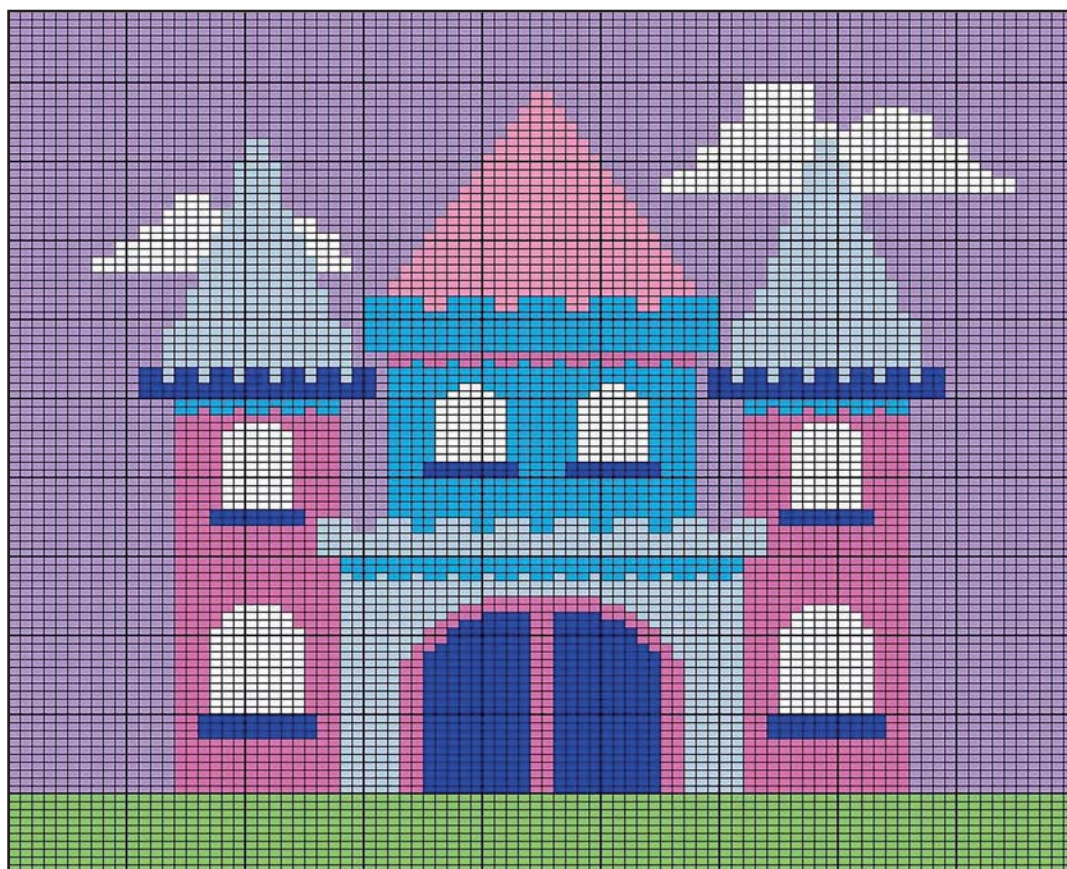
□ Next row: rib to end, casting on two sts over each cast-off gap

□ Work six more rows in rib

□ Cast off in rib

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in loose ends. Align cast-on edges of Lower Back and Front and sew side and bottom seam. Stitch Upper Back in place, overlapping Lower Back. Attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes. Insert cushion pad and fasten **LK**



**KEY:** ■ Yarn A ■ Yarn B ■ Yarn C □ Yarn D ■ Yarn E ■ Yarn F ■ Yarn G









## Your Choices:

### YARNS:

#### BEST BABY YARN BRAND

(Which brand is the best choice for baby knits?)

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#### BEST INDEPENDENT YARN BRAND

(Your favourite small producer of yarn)

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#### BEST VALUE YARN BRAND

(Who provides great quality at a great price?)

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#### BEST LUXURY YARN BRAND

(Which brand do you turn to for something a bit special?)

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#### BEST SOCK YARN BRAND

(Whose sock yarn is simply the best?)

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#### BEST OVERALL YARN BRAND

(Your absolute favourite yarn producer)

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#### BEST BRAND FOR BRITISH YARN

(Which is the best brand using British fibres to create their yarn?)

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### RETAILERS:

#### BEST LOCAL INDEPENDENT YARN STORE

(Insert name and tick region below)

☐ North of England

☐ Wales

☐ Scotland

☐ Ireland

☐ South East of England

☐ South West of England

☐ Midlands

#### BEST CHAIN STORE/MULTIPLE

(Your favourite yarn-supplying chain store)

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#### FAVOURITE PATTERN HOUSE

(Who publishes the best patterns?)

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### ONLINE:

#### BEST ONLINE SHOP

(What is your favourite internet yarn store?)

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#### FAVOURITE KNITTING BLOG

(Whose online knitty thoughts do you love to read?)

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#### BEST WEBSITE

(Which online knitting resource do you most enjoy visiting?)

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### PRODUCTS:

#### BEST KNITTING NEEDLE RANGE

(Whose tools do you love to knit with?)

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#### BEST ACCESSORIES RANGE

(Who makes the best knitting extras?)

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#### BEST READY-TO-USE KNIT KITS

(Which company provides the best knitting kits?)

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#### FAVOURITE KNITTING BOOK 2016/17

(Which title & author stood out on this year's knitting bookshelf?)

Title .....

Author .....

### MISCELLANEOUS:

#### BEST KNITTING SHOW EVENT 2016/17

(Which knitting event do you rate as a great day out?)

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#### Favourite knitting designer

(Whose patterns inspire your needles to get clicking?)

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### NEW CATEGORY!

#### Favourite charity campaign

(Knitting and crochet has been used to help lots of worthy causes. Nominate your favourite here!)

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### CROCHET:

#### BEST YARN FOR CROCHET

(What's your top yarn choice for this craft?)

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#### FAVOURITE CROCHET DESIGNER

(Who is creating the best crochet patterns?)

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#### BEST CROCHET STORE

(Which store best meets your crochet needs?)

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#### FAVOURITE CROCHET BLOG

(There are so many, but which is the best?)

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#### FAVOURITE CROCHET BOOK 2016/17

(Which title & author stood out on this year's crochet bookshelf?)

Title .....

Author .....

#### BEST CROCHET ACCESSORIES RANGE

(Who makes the best crochet extras?)

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## *Fab yarns and other prizes worth over £300!*



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The British Knitting & Crochet Awards are run every year by Let's Knit and Let's Get Crafting magazines, and are widely recognised as the biggest and most important awards in the industry. Once all the nominations are in, a shortlist of the most popular yarns, stores, designers and accessories will be put together ready for the final voting stage. Nominate now to make sure your favourites won't be left out!

Be sure to get your entry to us by the closing date of **12th April 2017**.



### *How to Enter*

It's so easy to send us your nominations. Either fill in the form opposite and send it to **British Knitting & Crochet Awards 2017, 21-23 Phoenix Court, Hawkins Road, Colchester, Essex, CO2 8JY**, or enter online at [www.letsknit.co.uk/awards](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/awards)



### *Nominate Now!*

The winners of the British Knitting & Crochet awards are entirely decided by you, the knitting public. Have your say in who or what should be nominated for an award and you could win a fabulous prize. Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

#### **Best Overall Yarn Brand**

You're a knitter, so that makes you a yarn expert! Which brand of yarn do you turn to the most for quality, value and all-round excellence.

#### **Best Local Independent Yarn Store**

Bricks-and-mortar yarn shops are the lifeblood of knitting and crochet. If you've visited a lovely store and been impressed with the range or the service make sure it gets a mention.

#### **Favourite Knitting/Crochet Book**

Some gorgeous titles have been published over the last year, and the authors' hard work deserves to be rewarded. Which ones caught your eye?

#### **Favourite Knitting Designer**

Whose patterns inspire your needles to get clicking? Give a thank you to the talented people who create your favourite projects.

### *The Prizes*

Just by telling us who your favourites are you could win a fantastic hamper containing over £200 worth of yarn, kits, patterns, needles and a gorgeous knitting bag. There is also a runner-up prize of £100 worth of vouchers for [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)





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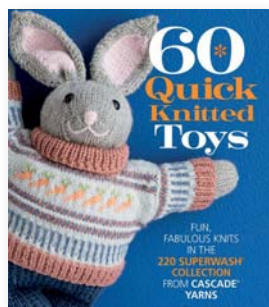
## HOT READS THIS MONTH

### CASTING OFF

P. I. Paris (£7.99, Black And White Publishing)

What could be better than a novel that includes knitting? Nothing! When the residents of a Highland care home are faced with increasing fees for their care, they decide to take action. Selling knitted wares won't raise enough money, so they must work together to come up with new ideas. Try something new by reading this hilarious book which explores timeless friendships, admirable loyalty and how you're never too old to try something new.

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### 60 QUICK KNITTED TOYS

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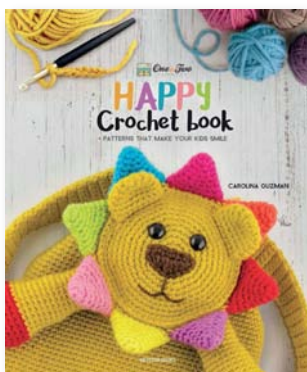
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### HAPPY CROCHET BOOK

Carolina Guzman (£12.50, Meteor Books)

This colourful book is guaranteed to help produce projects that your kids will adore! With everything from a cow pencil pot to a bunny and bear mobile, there are adorable projects to please every crochet fan. This is the perfect book for intermediate crocheters who are looking to improve their colourwork skills as well as create some beautiful toys and homeware items. Keep an eye out for the teddy bear rug, it's one of our favourites here at LK!

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



### Pick up a skill!

#### KNITTING DETAILS, START TO FINISH

Ulla Engquist (£20.39, [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk))

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## A quick chat with...

### FIONA GOBLE

Fiona's book Knitted Animal Nursery is available to buy for only £12.99 from [www.rylandpeters.com](http://www.rylandpeters.com), here she shares her favourite yarns and why she loves baby knits.

"Knitting garments for babies is a lot quicker than knitting for adults which is a blessing for an impatient knitter like me. I love how garments always look adorable in small sizes, and animals just seem to make everything a little cuter.

I've found it really hard to choose a favourite project within this book and I keep changing my mind. The big bear hat really catches my eye, but I also love the whale cushion, it'd go great in my bathroom.

There's such a fabulous choice of yarns out there at the moment. One of my favourite fairly new discoveries has been Drops Air. It's 70% Alpaca and is so beautifully fluffy and light, I'd just love to knit myself a jumper in it.

A lot of my designs involve a little extra work once the items are sewn together so it's important that you take your time to get the look just right. Before you embroider the eyes on a pair of animal booties, work out carefully where you're going to put them. Then you can get it right first time. Believe me, I've learned the hard way!"







# Easy Nursery Knits

Eleven delightful projects for bouncing babies and tiny tots

**S**pring is the season for adorable new arrivals and we've got a great collection of equally cute patterns just for you. There are sweet sweaters for boys and girls and a beautiful accessory set for newborns. We also have fab unisex makes too, including a subtly textured blanket and fun animal rattles. All of these would make perfect gifts for a new mum.





## Bobby Blue

Knit **Siân Brown's** adorable jumper for tiny tots!

### Measurements & sizes

#### To fit age (mths):

0-3 (3-6, 6-12, 12-18, 18-24, 24-36)

#### Actual chest (cm):

48 (52.5, 55, 58, 62, 65)

#### Length (cm):

22 (24, 26, 29, 31, 34)

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** King Cole Comfort DK, shade 596 Saxe, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) 100g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 3.5mm

**Stitch holders**

### Tension square

- 23 sts x 34 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles

### About the Yarn

#### King Cole Comfort

**DK** is a beautiful blend of acrylic and nylon which is ideal for intricate knits. It's ideal for babies and is available in a wide range of shades. It costs £2.99 per 100g (310m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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### Start knitting here...

#### BACK

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 54 (58, 62, 66, 70, 74) sts

□ Row 1: k2, \* p2, k2, rep from \* to end

□ Row 2: p2, \* k2, p2, rep from \* to end

These two rows set rib

□ Work 5 (5, 5, 7, 7) rows more in rib

□ Next row: rib 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) sts, m1, rib to end. 55 (59, 63, 67, 71, 75) sts

Change to 3.5mm needles, cont in patt as folls:

□ Row 1: k3 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1), p1, \* k7, p1, rep from \* to last 3 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1) sts, k3 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1)

□ Row 2 and all RS rows: p

□ Row 3: k2 (1, 2, 1, 2, 1), p3 (2, 3, 2, 3, 2), \* k5, p3, rep from \* to last 10 (8, 10, 8, 10, 8) sts, k5, p3 (2, 3, 2, 3, 2), k2 (1, 2, 1, 2, 1)

□ Row 5: k1, p5 (3, 5, 3, 5, 3), \* k3, p5, rep from \* to last 9 (7, 9, 7, 9, 7) sts, k3, p5 (3, 5, 3, 5, 3), k1

□ Row 7: k1, p6 (4, 6, 4, 6, 4), \* k1, p7, rep from \* to last 8 (6, 8, 6, 8, 6) sts, k1, p6 (4, 6, 4, 6, 4), k1

□ Row 9: k7 (5, 7, 5, 7, 5), \* p1, k7, rep from \* to last 8 (6, 8, 6, 8, 6) sts, p1, k7 (5, 7, 5, 7, 5)

□ Row 11: k6 (4, 6, 4, 6, 4), \* p3, k5, rep from \* to last 9 (7, 9, 7, 9, 7) sts, p3, k6 (4, 6, 4, 6, 4)

□ Row 13: k5 (3, 5, 3, 5, 3), \* p5, k3, rep from \* to last 10 (8, 10, 8, 10, 8) sts, p5, k5 (3, 5, 3, 5, 3)

□ Row 15: k4 (2, 4, 2, 4, 2), \* p7, k1, rep from \* to last 3 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1) sts, p3 (1, 3, 1, 3, 1)

□ Row 16: p \*\*

Rows 1-16 set patt

□ Cont in patt until Back meas 20.5 (22.5, 24.5, 27.5, 29.5, 32.5) cm, ending with Row 4 or 12

#### Shape shoulders

□ Next row: patt 16 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23), turn

□ Cont on these sts, work three rows in patt

□ Cast off

#### Left shoulder

Rejoin yarn to rem sts and cast off 23 (23, 25, 25, 27, 29) sts, patt to end

□ Next row: p

Place rem sts on holder

#### FRONT

□ Work as Back until \*\*

□ Cont in patt until Front meas 18 (19.5, 21.5, 24.5, 26, 29) cm, ending with WS row

#### Shape neck

□ Next row: patt 20 (22, 24, 26, 27, 29), turn, work on these sts only

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Next row: patt to last two sts, k2tog

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Cont to dec one st at neck edge on every alt row until 16 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23) sts rem

□ Cont in patt until Front matches Back

Place sts on holder

#### Shape right shoulder

□ With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off 15 (15, 15, 15, 17, 17) sts, patt to end

□ Next row: patt to end

□ Next row: ssk, patt to end

□ Cont to dec one st at neck edge on every alt row until 16 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23) sts rem

□ Cont in patt until Front matches Back

□ Cast off

#### SLEEVES (make two)

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 34

(34, 38, 38, 42, 42) sts

□ Row 1: k2, \* p2, k2, rep from \* to end

□ Row 2: p2, \* k2, p2, rep from \* to end

These two rows set rib

□ Work 5 (5, 5, 7, 7) rows more in rib

□ Next row: rib 17 (17, 19, 19, 21, 21) sts, m1, rib to end. 35 (35, 39, 39, 43, 43) sts

Change to 3.5mm needles

□ Row 1: k1 (1, 3, 3, 5, 5), p1, \* k7, p1, rep from \* to last 1 (1, 3, 3, 5, 5) sts, k1 (1, 3, 3, 5, 5)

□ Row 2 and all RS rows: p

□ Row 3: k1 (1, 2, 2, 4, 4), p2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3), \* k5, p3, rep from \* to last 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12) sts, k5, p2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3), k1 (1, 2, 2, 4, 4)

□ Row 5: k1 (1, 1, 1, 3, 3), - (-, m1, -, -, -), p3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5), \* k3, p5, rep from \* to last 7 (7, 9, 9, 11, 11) sts, k3, p3 (3, 5, 5, 5, 5), - (-, m1, -, -, -), k1 (1, 1, 1, 3, 3). 35 (35, 41, 39, 43, 43) sts

□ Row 7: k1, m1 (m1, -, m1, m1, m1), p4 (4, 7, 6, 0, 0), \* k1, p7, rep from \* to last 6 (6, 9, 8, 2, 2) sts, k1, p4 (4, 7, 6, 0, 0), m1 (m1, -, m1, m1, m1), k1. 37 (37, 41, 41, 45, 45) sts

□ Row 9: k6 (6, 8, 8, 2, 2), \* p1, k7, rep from \* to last 7 (7, 9, 9, 3, 3) sts,

p1, k6 (6, 8, 8, 2, 2)

□ Row 11: k1, p0 (0, 1, 1, 3, 3), k4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5), \* p3, k5, rep from \* to last 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12) sts, p3, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5, 5), p0 (0, 1, 1, 3, 3), k1

□ Row 13: k1, m1 (m1, m1, m1, -, -), p0 (0, 2, 2, 4, 4), k3, \* p5, k3, rep from \* to last 1 (1, 3, 3, 5, 5) sts, p0 (0, 2, 2, 4, 4), m1 (m1, m1, m1, -, -), k1. 39 (39, 43, 43, 45, 45) sts

□ Row 15: k1, - (-, -, -, m1, m1), k1

(1, 0, 0, 0, 0), p1 (1, 4, 4, 5, 5), k1, \* p7, k1, rep from \* to last 3 (3, 5, 5, 6, 6), p1 (1, 4, 4, 5, 5), k1 (1, 0, 0, 0, 0), - (-, -, -, m1, m1), k1. 39 (39, 43, 43, 47, 47) sts

□ Row 16: p to end

Rows 1-16 set patt

□ Cont in patt inc one st at each end of 6th (6th, 8th, 6th, 8th, 8th) row as set until there are 47 (49, 53, 55, 57, 59) sts

□ Cont in patt until Sleeve meas 15.5 (16.5, 19, 20.5, 22, 25) cm

□ Cast off

#### NECKBAND

□ Using 3.25mm needles with RS facing, join right shoulder, pick up and k 6 (6, 7, 8, 8, 9) sts down left Front neck, 14 (14, 14, 16, 16) sts from centre Front, 10 (10, 11, 12, 12,



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13) sts up right front Neck, three sts from side of back Neck, 22 (22, 24, 24, 26, 28) sts from centre Back and one st up left back Neck. 56 (56, 60, 62, 66, 70) sts

☐ Next row: p2, \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last 2 (2, 2, 0, 0, 0) sts, k2 (2, 2, 0, 0, 0)

☐ Work three rows in rib

☐ Cast off in rib

## BACK BUTTONBAND

Place left shoulder sts on needle

☐ Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B with RS facing, pick up and k 4 (4, 3, 3, 4, 3) sts along edge of Neckband, k16 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23) along left shoulder. 20 (22, 22, 24, 26, 26) sts

☐ Next row: p2, \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last 2 (0, 0, 2, 0, 0) sts, k2 (0, 0, 2, 0, 0)

☐ Work five rows in rib

☐ Cast off in rib

## FRONT BUTTONHOLE BAND

Return right shoulder sts to needle

☐ Using 3.25mm needles with RS facing, k16 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23) sts along left shoulder, k4 (4, 3, 3, 4, 3) sts along edge of Neckband. 20 (22, 22, 24, 26, 26) sts

☐ Next row: p2 (0, 0, 2, 0, 0), \* k2, p2, rep from \* to last 2 (0, 0, 2, 0, 0) sts, k2 (0, 0, 2, 0, 0)

☐ Next row: rib

☐ Next row (WS): rib 2 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3), yo, \* work 2tog, rib 5 (5, 5, 6, 7, 7), yo, rep from \* twice, k2tog, rib 2 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3)

☐ Work three rows in rib

☐ Cast off in rib

## TO MAKE UP

Attach buttons so bands overlap at same length. Sew Sleeves to shoulder bands. Sew up side seams and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.



## Sweet Pea

Get children spring ready with Jo Allport's delightful creation!

## Measurements & sizes

**To fit age (mths):**

0-6 (6-12, 12-24, 24-36)

**To fit chest (cm):**

41 (46, 51, 56)

**Actual Chest (cm):**

51 (58, 64, 70)

**Length to Shoulder (cm):**

24 (28, 32, 38)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK, shades (A) 0458 Little Liberty, 3 (3, 4, 5) 50g balls, (B) 0437 Buttercream, 2 (2, 3, 3) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm

**Stitch holders:** four

## Tension square

● 22 sts x 28 rows

● 10cm x 10cm

● Stocking stitch

● 4mm needles

## About the Yarn

**Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK**

is a fabulous blend that's the perfect choice for luxurious baby knits that need to last as its completely machine washable. It knits up wonderfully, and costs £5.99 per 50g (116m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

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### FRONT AND BACK (alike)

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A,



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cast on 61 (69, 77, 85) sts

☐ Rows 1-3: k

Change to 4mm needles

☐ Row 4 (RS): k

☐ Row 5: p

Using yarn B, work in patt as folls:

☐ Row 1 (RS): k5, \* sl 3 wyib, k5, rep from \* to end

☐ Row 2: k2, p1, k2, \* sl 3 wyif, k2, p1, k2, rep from \* to end

Change to yarn A

☐ Row 3: k2, \* sl 1 wyib, k7, rep from \* to last three sts, sl 1 wyib, k2

☐ Row 4: k1, p1, \* sl 1 wyif, p7, rep from \* to last three sts, sl 1 wyif, p1, k1

☐ Rows 5-7: keeping colours correct, rep Rows 1-3

☐ Row 8: k1, p to last st, k1

Change to yarn B

☐ Row 9: k1, \* sl 3 wyib, k5, rep from \* to last four sts, sl 3 wyib, k1

☐ Row 10: k1, \* sl 3 wyif, k2, p1, k2, rep from \* to last four sts, sl 3, k1

Change to yarn A

☐ Row 11: k6, \* sl 1 wyib, k7, rep from \* to last seven sts, sl 1, k6

☐ Row 12: k1, p5, \* sl 1 wyif, p7, rep from \* to last seven sts, sl 1, p5, k1

☐ Rows 13-15: keeping colours correct, rep Rows 9-11

☐ Row 16: as Row 8





- ☐ Rep Rows 1-16 rows a further 2 (3, 4, 5) times
- Cont in garter st as folls:
  - ☐ Next row (RS): k19 (22, 24, 27), k2tog, k19 (21, 25, 27), k2tog, k19 (22, 24, 27). 59 (67, 75, 83) sts
  - ☐ Next row: k

### Shape raglan

- Change to yarn B
- ☐ K two rows
- Change to yarn A
- ☐ K two rows
- Cont in two row stripe patt, shaping as folls:
  - ☐ Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows. 53 (61, 69, 77) sts
  - ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every foll fourth row until there are 39 (49, 59, 71) sts, ending after a WS row
  - ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every alt row until there are 23 (25, 27, 27) sts, ending after a WS row
- Place these sts on holder

### SLEEVES (make two)

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on 26 (30, 34, 36) sts
- ☐ K three rows
- Change to 4mm needles
- ☐ Beg with a k row, work two rows in st st
- ☐ Cont in st st, inc one st at each end of 3rd (5th, 5th, 5th) row, then on every foll 2nd (3rd, 3rd, 4th) row until there are 52 (54, 60, 62) sts

- ☐ Cont in st st without shaping until Sleeve meas 15 (17, 20, 24) cm, ending after a WS row
- ☐ K two rows

### Shape raglan

- Change to yarn B
- ☐ K two rows
- Change to yarn A
- ☐ K two rows
- Cont in two row stripe patt, shaping as folls:
  - ☐ Cast off three sts at beg of next two rows
  - ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and foll fourth row until there are 38 (38, 46, 46) sts, ending after a WS row
  - ☐ Dec one st at each end of next and every alt row until there are ten sts, ending after a WS row
- Place these sts onto holder

### NECKBAND

- ☐ Using 3.25mm needles and yarn B with RS facing, k across sts from Back holder, k ten sts from Sleeve holder, k across sts from Front holder, k ten sts from other Sleeve holder. 66 (70, 74, 74) sts
- ☐ K four rows
- ☐ Cast off all sts on WS

### TO MAKE UP

- Sew raglans. Sew side and sleeve seams. Weave in ends.
- Block jumper, see ball band for further care instructions.

## Adorable Accessories

Newborns will love snuggling up in **Jane Burns'** cosy trio!

### Measurements & sizes

- Mittens:** 5cm
- Hat:** 35cm circumference
- Shoes:** 8cm

### Knit Kit

- Yarn:** Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK, shade 0346 Dusty Pink, three 50g balls
- Needles:** 3.25mm straight, 3.25mm double-pointed, 4mm double-pointed
- Ribbon:** 1cm x 2m
- Sewing needle and thread**
- Stitch markers**

### Tension square

- Shoes**
- 24 sts x 34 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.25mm needles

### Hat and Mittens

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

### About the Yarn

**Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK** is a luxurious blend of super-fine merino, cashmere and silk which combine to create a

reassuringly delicate, soft and smooth yarn. This yarn is perfect for gorgeous baby knits and soft toys. It is machine washable, and costs £4.99 per 50g (116m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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#### SHOES (make two)

- Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 31 sts
- ☐ Row 1: k15, pm, k1, pm, k15
- ☐ Row 2: k1, m1, k to marker, m1, sm, k1, sm, m1, k to last st, m1, k1. 35 sts
- ☐ Row 3: k
- ☐ Rows 4-7: rep Rows 2-3 twice more. 43 sts
- ☐ Row 8: k1, m1, k to marker, sm, kfb, sm, k to last st, m1, k1. 46 sts

#### Shape toe

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 11 rows in st st
- ☐ Row 12: p15, (p2tog) eight times, p15. 38 sts
- ☐ Row 13: p9, cast off next 20 sts, p9 (including st from cast-off). 18 sts
- ☐ Row 14: p9, sl nine sts onto holder. Nine sts
- ☐ Rows 15-17: p three rows
- ☐ Cast off
- With RS facing, rejoin yarn to nine sts from holder
- ☐ Rows 1-4: p four rows
- ☐ Cast off
- Fold shoe in half, sew seams closed.
- Cut two lengths of ribbon 25 cm long, sew one end to inside front of shoe, either side of ankle

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Hat

Mittens

- Rnd 4: (k5, k2tog) to end. 60 sts
  - Rnd 5: (k4, k2tog) to end. 50 sts
  - Rnd 6: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
  - Rnd 7: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
  - Rnd 8: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
  - Rnd 9: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
  - Thread yarn through rem sts and pull to gather
- Cut length of ribbon 40cm long, thread through eyelets and sew ends. Make a bow and sew onto front of Hat

### MITTENS

- Using 3.25mm straight needles, cast on 22 sts
- Rows 1-6: k
  - Row 7-8: beg with a k row, work in st st
  - Row 9: (k1, m1, k9, m1, k1) twice. 26 sts
  - Rows 10-18: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Cast off
- Sew side seams and tops of Mittens.

### Baby Love

Knit **Julie Ferguson's** sweet heirloom blanket

### Measurements & sizes

70cm x 105cm

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Sirdar Country Style DK, shade 389 Smokey Stone, six 50g balls

**Needles:** 4mm (80cm) circular

### Tension square

- 20 sts x 29 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

### About the Yarn

**Sirdar Country Style DK** is classic yarn that blends 40% nylon, 30% wool and 30% acrylic. It's machine washable and costs £2.80 per 50g (155m) ball from **0131 558 1747**, [www.mcadirect.com](http://www.mcadirect.com)

### Start knitting here..

#### BACK

- Using 4mm (80cm) circular needle, cast on 139 sts, do not join in the rnd
- Foundation row: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
  - This row sets moss st
  - Rep last row 11 times more
  - Commence main patt as folls:
  - Row 1: (k1, p1) six times, (k5, p5) to last 17 sts, k5, (p1, k1) six times
  - Row 2: (k1, p1) six times, (p5, k5) to last 17 sts, p5, (p1, k1) six times
  - Rows 3-6: rep Rows 1-2 twice more
  - Row 7: (k1, p1) six times, (p5, k5) to last 17 sts, p5, (p1, k1) six times
  - Row 8: (k1, p1) six times, (k5, p5) to last 17 sts, k5, (p1, k1) six times
  - Rows 9-12: rep Rows 7-8 twice more

### HAT

Using 3.25mm dpns, cast on 72 sts using long tail cast on method, join in the rnd, taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd

- Rnd 1: p
- Rnd 2: k
- Rep Rnds 1-2 three times more

### Shape head

Change to 4mm dpns

- Rnd 1: \* k9, m1, rep from \* to end. 80 sts
- Rnd 2: \* k5, (yfwd) twice, k2tog, k1, (yfwd) twice, k2tog, rep from \* to end. 96 sts
- Rnd 3: k, dropping second wrap of each double yarn forward off needle. 80 sts
- Rnd 4: p
- Rnd 5: k
- Rep Rnds 4-5 once more
- Work in st st until hat meas 11cm from cast-on edge

### Shape crown

- Rnd 1: (k6, k2tog) to end. 70 sts
- Rnds 2-3: k



"Place markers between the basketweave, moss stitch and centre panel sections to help you keep your place."

LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**



Rows 1-12 set main patt

□ Work main patt six times more

Keeping main patt correct, commence centre panel as follows:

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) to last 33 sts, k1, patt 32

□ Rep last row five times more

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) twice, k1, k to last 37 sts, (k1, p1) twice, k1, patt 32

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) twice, k1, p to last 37 sts, (k1, p1) twice, k1, patt 32

□ Rep last two rows 14 times more

□ Next row: patt 32, work Row 1 of Heart chart, patt 32

This row sets position of Heart Chart

□ Working correct row of Heart Chart, rep last row until Chart is complete

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) twice, k1, k to last 37 sts, (k1, p1) twice, k1, patt 32

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) twice, k1, p to last 37 sts, (k1, p1) twice, k1, patt 32

□ Rep last two rows 17 times more

□ Next row: patt 32, (k1, p1) to last 33 sts, k1, patt 32

□ Rep last row five times more

Cont in main patt as follows:

□ Work main patt seven times

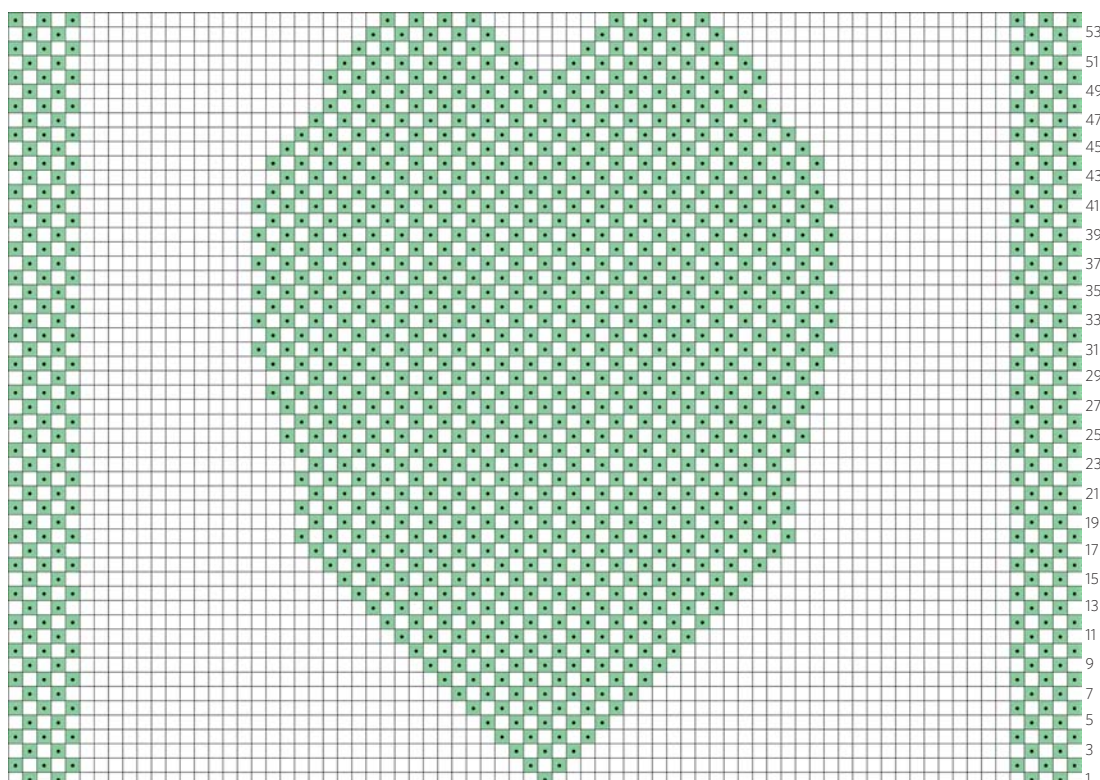
□ Work six rows in moss st

□ Cast off loosely

Weave in ends and block carefully



*Baby Love*



#### HEART CHART

##### KEY

□ knit

■ purl



## knitwise

It really helps to be able to read your stitches. A knitted stitch looks like a little 'v' shape, while a purl stitch has a bump at the front. This will help you work out which stitch to do next when working your basketweave and moss stitch patterns.





*Twinkle Toes*

## Twinkle Toes

Go on an adventure with **Susie Johns'** charming footwear!

### Measurements & sizes

**To fit age (mths):** 0-3

**Length:** 8.5cm

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino, shade (A) 095 Cyclamen, (B) shade 057 Mist, (C) shade 093 Clematis, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3mm

**Buttons:** two per pair

**Tapestry needle**

**Stitch holder**

### Tension square

- 25 sts x 34 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3mm needles

### About the Yarn

**Debbie Bliss Baby Cashmerino** is beautifully soft, luxurious and practical yarn which is perfect for babywear. It is available in a large range of colours, and lies between a 4ply and a DK. It costs £4.75 per 50g (115m) ball from **0845 544 2196**, [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com)

## Start knitting here...

**SHOES** (make two)

### SOLE

Using 3mm needles and yarn A, B or C, cast on 31 sts

□ Row 1 (RS): (kfb, k14) twice, kfb. 34 sts

□ Row 2 and all WS rows: k

□ Row 3: kfb, k15, kfb, k16, kfb. 37 sts

□ Row 5: (kfb, k17) twice, kfb. 40 sts

□ Row 7: kfb, k18, kfb, k19, kfb. 43 sts

□ Row 9: (kfb, k20) twice, kfb. 46 sts

□ Row 11: kfb, k21, kfb, k22, kfb. 49 sts

Cut yarn and join in contrasting shade

### Shape upper shoe

□ Row 1: p

□ Row 2: k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 3: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

□ Rows 4-5: rep Rows 2-3

□ Row 6: k1, (p1, k1) ten times, p3tog, k1, p3tog, k1, (p1, k1) ten times. 45 sts

□ Row 7: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 8: k1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 9: as Row 7

□ Row 10: k1, (p1, k1) nine times,



## meet our DESIGNER

"I am a great advocate of hand-knitted clothes and accessories for babies - and I prefer to use luxury yarns made from natural fibres, for warmth and softness."

SUSIE JOHNS





## knitwise

These gorgeous shoes are knitted in just two colours so feel free to substitute the shades with any two of your favourite contrasting yarns which your baby will love!

p3tog, k1, p3tog, k1, (p1, k1) nine times. 41 sts

□ Row 11: p1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* to end

□ Row 12: k16, (skpo) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice, k16. 37 sts

□ Row 13: k

□ Row 14: k14, (skpo) twice, k1, (k2tog) twice, k14. 33 sts

□ Row 15: k

### Buttonhole strap

□ Row 1: k10, place sts on holder, cast off 13 sts, k to end. Ten sts

□ Row 2: k10

□ Row 3: cast on eight sts, k to end. 18 sts

□ Row 4: k

□ Row 5 (buttonhole): k1, k2tog, yfwd, k to end

□ Row 6: k

□ Cast off

### Button strap

With WS facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder

□ Rows 1-2: k

□ Row 3: cast on eight sts, k to end. 18 sts

□ Rows 4-5: k



## Rattle & Roll

**NOTE:** reverse buttonhole for opposite shoe

□ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Fold in half and sew cast-on edges together along centre. Join row-ends together at back, weave in ends. Sew a button on end of strap, to correspond with buttonhole.

## Rattle & Roll

Knit Louise Watling's fab and easy playset!

### Measurements & sizes

**Cat, Dog and Duck:** 17.5cm

**Bunny:** 23cm

### Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1064 Mocha, (B) 1001 White, (C) 1114 Sunshine, (D) 1256 Jaffa, one 100g ball of each, oddment of Black DK

**Needles:** 3mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Tapestry needle**

**Plastic egg:** four

**Ceramic baking beads:** 20

### Tension square

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

### About the Yarn

**Stylecraft Special DK**

is a versatile acrylic yarn that comes in over 80 colourways. It costs £1.89 per 100g (295m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

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LK116

### Start knitting here...

#### DOG

#### HANDLE AND HEAD

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

□ Row 1 (WS): p

□ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts

□ Row 3: p

□ Row 4: (kfb, k1) to end. 30 sts

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

Change to yarn B, working in six-row stripe sequence of yarns B and A, cont as folls:

□ Beg with a p row, work 30 rows in st st

Cut yarn B and cont in yarn A only

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

□ Next row: (kfb, k2) to end. 40 sts

□ Beg with a p row, work 17 rows in st st

□ Next row: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts

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

□ Next row: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts

□ Next row: p

□ Next row: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts

□ Next row: p

□ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, do not pull tight yet

#### NOSE

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







- Row 1 (RS): kfb, k1. Three sts
- Rows 2-4: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 5: k1, k2tog. Two 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 five sts
- Rows 1-4: beg with a k row, work in st st
  - Row 5 (RS): k2, kfb, k2. Six sts
  - Rows 6-12: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Row 13: k2, kfb, k3. Seven sts
  - Rows 14-20: beg with a p row, work in st st



## knitwise

To make the rattle insert, use a plastic egg, such as the container from a Kinder Egg, and pop some buttons or ceramic baking beads inside. Glue the container shut with really strong glue so no beads can escape, then make sure it is well padded with stuffing when you're making up the rattle.

- Row 21: k2tog tbl, k3, k2tog. Five sts
- Row 22: p
- Row 23: k2tog tbl, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 24: p
- Row 25: (kfb) twice, k1. Five sts
- Row 26: p
- Row 27: kfb, k2, kfb, k1. Seven sts
- Rows 28-34: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 35: k3, k2tog, k2. Six sts
- Rows 36-42: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 43: k2, k2tog, k2. Five sts
- Rows 44-47: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

With RS of Handle facing, sew running stitch around cast-on edge and pull to gather, then sew row-ends together leaving top edge open. Stuff Handle, do not stuff Head. Place five baking beads into a plastic egg and glue shut. Place into Head, then stuff around egg so it is padded on all sides. Pull yarn tail tight and fasten off. Weave in ends. Sew Nose to centre front of Head. Using oddment of Black DK, embroider eyes and mouth as shown. Fold Ear in half so cast-on and cast-off edges meet. Sew row-ends of Ear together, then sew Ears to side of Head

### BUNNY

#### HANDLE AND HEAD

- Using yarn B in place of yarn A, and yarn A in place of yarn B work as for Dog

#### NOSE

- Using yarn A, work as for Dog

#### EARS (make two)

- Work as for Dog

#### TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Dog sewing ears to top of Head. Embroider eyes and mouth using yarn A

### CAT

#### HANDLE AND HEAD

- Using yarn D in place of yarn A, work as for Dog

#### NOSE

- Work as for Dog

#### EARS (make two)

- Using 3mm needles and yarn D, cast on seven sts
- Row 1-2: beg with a k row, work in st st
  - Row 3 (RS): k2tog tbl, k3, k2tog. Five sts
  - Row 4 and all WS rows: p

- Row 5: k2tog tbl, k1, k2tog. Three sts
- Row 7: k1, k2tog. Two sts
- Row 9: kfb, k1. Three sts
- Row 11: (kfb) twice, k1. Five sts
- Row 13: kfb, k2, kfb, k1. Seven sts
- Rows 14-15: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Dog

### DUCK

#### HANDLE AND HEAD

- Using yarn C in place of yarn A, and yarn D in place of yarn B, work as for Dog

#### BEAK

- Using 3mm needles and yarn D, cast on seven sts
- Row 1 (WS): p
  - Row 2: k2tog tbl, k3, k2tog. Five sts
  - Row 3: p
  - Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts

#### TO MAKE UP

Make up as for Dog. Embroider eyes using oddment of Black DK and sew Beak to centre of face **LK**



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- Part 4 of our Country Cottage knitalong!
- Step-by-step toddler slippers
- Speedy spring accessories
- Crochet Easter bunny

ON SALE THURSDAY 16TH MARCH





## Dear Let's Knit,

I am 87 years old and a disabled stroke survivor (but I'm still able to knit). Let's Knit has been a godsend to me with all the lovely knitting patterns. I learned to knit at a very early age and do just a bit of crochet. I thought you would like to see a photo of the many toys I have made. They get 'thinned out' when our nearest and dearest visit, and to see them hugging the toys when they go home makes it all worthwhile, as well as taking my mind off life's problems.

Best wishes to Let's Knit

JANET STUBLEY

**Star  
LETTER**  
Wins a prize!



*Your toys are brilliant Janet – it's no wonder they're loved so much by your friends and family. Enjoy your prize!*

# STOP & Share

STORIES AND MAKES GALORE FROM YOU, OUR WONDERFUL READERS

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

**Star  
MAKE**



### The Name Game

"I hadn't knitted a hot water bottle cover before, so I really enjoyed making this from issue 113. I hope you don't mind that I customised it for myself. This was the most Swiss darning I've ever done too! Thanks for the yarn and pattern LK!"

**Jade Seaney**

*You're very welcome, Jade, it looks fabulous!*

### Dressed to impress

"From the January issue of Let's Knit. So much fun to knit."

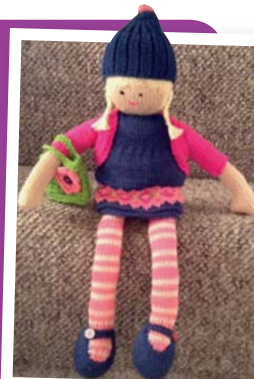
**Karen Inglis**  
*Great Job, Karen*



### Hello Dolly

"Love knitting toys, not long finished this dolly. Not sure I want to pass this one on, may keep her for now!"

**Anita Harding**  
*We'd keep her too, Anita. She's lovely!*



### Time for Tea

"A Cotswold Cottage teacosy made for my mother-in-law."

**Lucy Ball**  
*Fab work, Lucy!*



### The Cat's pyjamas

"Knitted Lenny the cat from November mag. Changed the pattern a bit to look like my black and white cat Smudge and pleased with the result."

**Sandra Williams**  
*What a great idea, Sandra!*







## PINS AND NEEDLES

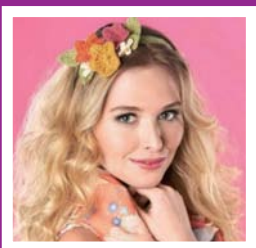
Spring has sprung and our favourite flowers are in bloom – that's the knitted kind, of course, and we're quite fond of crocheted ones too! They make great embellishments to other projects or are charming decorations. Take a look at our Fabulous Knit & Crocheted Flowers Pinterest board to be inspired!



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@BevViveash,  
via Twitter

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This month, our Star Letter winner Janet has won three balls of gorgeous Bergere de France Cachemire+ in shade Rose Delicat, worth £11.95 each!



Our Star Make winner Jade has won a copy of Weekend Wraps by Cecily Glowik MacDonald and Melissa LaBarre. [www.interweave.com](http://www.interweave.com)



## WE ASKED ON TWITTER...

What knitting accessory or gadget can't you do without?

*"Graph paper for designing Fair Isle patterns & specs for reading them"*

Ruth Dorrington

*"Good old pen or pencil and paper, to design and take note"*

The Holden Family

*"Row counter and stitching markers - need to get some metal ones"*

Rachel Blunden

*"Two: needle sizer and portable yarn cutter"*

Laura Miller



## Tip of the Month...

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

**"My top tip is not to be intimidated by patterns. Take it one stitch at a time. Cabling in particular looks tricky but is really easy when you do it step by step."**

NAOMI CLAXTON



### Dainty dancer

"Cute hippo."  
Carol Fleming  
We love her smiling face, Carol!

### Keeping Cosy

"I absolutely love how my Secret Garden patchwork blanket turned out."

@sarahsmilesblogs  
Gorgeous colour scheme, Sarah!



### Perfect Pooch

"Doug the pug made for my daughter."

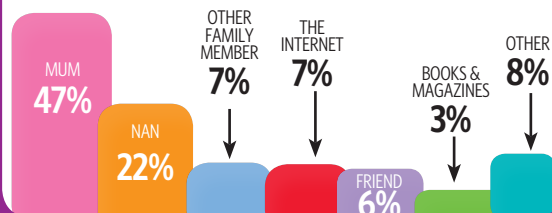
Fiona Parkes  
Fiona, he looks brilliant!

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## We asked you on Facebook...

Who taught you to knit?



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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 popular  
yarn brands. Can you work out  
what they are?

**Ego clink (4, 4)**

**As balcony winds (6, 3, 5)**

**I half dye (8)**

## LET'S KNIT'S QUICK QUIZ

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

- 1 What is the Old English word for knitting?
- 2 In 1527, the first knitting guild was formed in which European city?
- 3 Complete the breed name, '\_\_\_\_\_ Faced Leicester'
- 4 What is designer Woolly Wormhead best known for knitting?
- 5 Madder is a natural dye producing which colour group?

## Name that yarn

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

- It's a soft, matte cotton yarn
- The RRP is just £1.99 so it's a great value option
- A DK version of this yarn has recently been launched



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)  
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we'll publish the winning  
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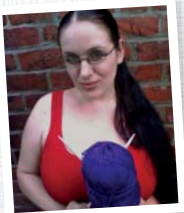
Here's our favourite caption from last issue  
*"One small stitch for man – one giant loop for mankind"*  
Congratulations to **Wendy Walsh**



## PURLS OF WISDOM

By Claire Thomas

### Vintage Problems



"How thin were people in the 1940s?" demanded a tearful voice on the other end of the phone, which I had just picked up. No greeting.

"These aren't the kind of cold calls I'm used to," I said, blinking.

"It's me."

I then knew the exact identity of the friend who's too upset to say hello – and the answer to the question. "No, it's rationing. All the butter and biscuits and things were rationed during the war. It was basically like Slimming World, but everyone was on it at once. Why?"

I could hear muffled swearing at the other end, so I took control of the conversation. "Is this a knitting thing?"

"YES."

"Come round to mine, have a cup of tea and tell me about it," I said firmly.

An hour later she was sitting sniffling on my sofa, clutching the

offending article, and the whole sorry tale came out.

This was the story of a smart modern woman who had become enamoured with 40's fashion and style after watching a couple of episodes of Agent Carter. Googling knitting patterns from the era, she came across a cute Fair Isle sweater



pattern that was just so 1942. She threw a tape measure around herself, found which size she thought would fit her – so far so good.

Then she ran into trouble with the yarn. The original yarn for that pattern had been discontinued long before, the yarn company no longer traded and she was forced to try and fudge it by finding something similar in a modern yarn – which turned out to be thicker. What she ended up with was overly tight, stiff and inflexible. Despairing at the hours of her life which she had lovingly poured into perfecting the complicated yoke, she did the grown up thing – burst into tears and phoned a friend.

"WHATEVER PROBLEM  
A KNITTER ENCOUNTERS,  
SOMEONE ELSE ON  
THE INTERNET HAS  
ENCOUNTERED IT FIRST."

"I can't bear to rip it back," she sobbed into a half-eaten pink wafer biscuit. "It's taken too much of my life to make."

I understood this completely. So, in the end, after several more pink wafer biscuits, another cup of tea and the breaking out of the emergency Dairy Milk I keep hidden from everyone else (for such is my commitment to friendship), we finally decided to make it into a cushion instead. By that time the sobs had calmed somewhat.

"Are you feeling better now?" I asked, and she nodded.

"Next time Google yarn substitutes," I ordered. "For whatever problem a knitter encounters, someone else on the internet has encountered it first."

Later, as she skipped out of the house clutching her new cushion, I reflected on the wonder of shared knowledge, the joy of repurposing and the fact that if I ate fewer biscuits, I might have been thin enough to wear that jumper.

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

HOW DID YOU DO?

QUICK QUIZ: 1. cnyttan, 2. Paris, 3. Blue, 4. Hats, 5. Reds WORD PLAY: 1. King Cole, 2. Conway & Bliss, 3. Hayfield NAME THAT YARN: Rico Creative Cotton Aran



# Sweet Treats

Susie Johns' cakes are cute, colourful and calorie-free!

EXCLUSIVE TO  
*Let's*  
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**W**e love a good novelty knit and these knitted cakes are exactly that! The cupcakes are pompoms while the Batternberg and Swiss roll are really simple knits. If you haven't made a pompom since you were at school, read our Knitwise panel (overleaf) to remind you how to do it. Our cakes are reinforced with strong cardboard, but leave this out if you're giving them to younger children. It's Mother's Day this month, so why not consider a gift with a difference?

GET CREATIVE  
WITH  
POMPOMS!



**meet our  
DESIGNER**

"If you buy the 100g balls of yarn recommended for this project, you will be able to make not just the number of cakes pictured, but dozens! They would be great for a fundraiser."  
SUSIE JOHNS



## Measurements & Sizes

**Battenburg:** 9cm square x 3cm deep

**Swiss roll:** 13cm long x 5cm diameter

**Swiss roll slice:** 3cm long x 5cm diameter

**Cakes:** 8cm wide

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1420 Camel, (B) 1435 Bright Pink, (C) 1001 White, (D) 1130 Candy Floss, (E) 1263 Citron, (F) 1081 Saffron, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.5mm straight and double-pointed, set of four

**Tapestry needle**

**Stitch marker**

**Strong cardboard**

**Safety toy stuffing**

## Tension Square

- 24 sts x 32 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3.5mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Stylecraft Special DK** is a great value acrylic DK yarn that comes in over 80 fabulous shades. It costs £1.69 per 100g (295m) ball from **0845 519 4573**, [www.deramores.com](http://www.deramores.com)

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## Need an Alternative?

This is a great stash busting project. Why not experiment with textured DK yarns?

## knitwise

Cut two cardboard rings and hold them together. Cut lengths of yarn and wrap them around the outside of the ring until the centre hole is filled. Insert sharp scissors between the card and snip the wrapped strands. Thread a longer length of yarn between the rings and tie tightly to secure your pompom. Remove the rings and trim any untidy strands. Leave the long strand for sewing your pompoms together.



## Start knitting here...

### SWISS ROLL

**NOTE:** stitch counts for Swiss roll slice are shown in brackets

### SPONGE

Using 3.5mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on 28 (7) sts

- ☐ Row 1 (RS): k each st tbl
- ☐ Row 2: sl 1, k to end
- ☐ Rep Row 2 until work meas 20cm
- ☐ Cast off

### JAM

- ☐ Using yarn B, work as for Sponge until work meas 14cm
- ☐ Cast off

### CREAM

- ☐ Using yarn C, work as for Sponge until work meas 10cm
- ☐ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Place Sponge with WS up. Place Jam on top, leaving a gap of six rows between cast-on ends. Slip stitch layers in place along cast-on edge of Jam. Place Cream on top, with cast-on edge six rows up from cast-on edge of Jam, and slip stitch in place. Roll up, starting from cast-on edge of Sponge, then slip stitch along cast-off edge of Sponge to finish. Repeat for Swiss roll slice

### BATTENBERG

### SPONGE SECTIONS

\*\* Using 3.5mm straight needles and yarn D, cast on ten sts

- ☐ Beg with a p row, work 13 rows in st st

Cut yarn D and join in yarn E

- ☐ Beg with a k row, work 13 rows in st st

- ☐ Cast off pwise \*\*

- ☐ Rep from \*\* to \*\* once more

- ☐ Rep from \*\* to \*\* twice more, casting on using yarn E and changing to yarn D for last 13 rows

### MARZIPAN

Using 3.5mm straight needles and yarn F, cast on seven sts

- ☐ Row 1: k
- ☐ Row 2: sl 1, k to end
- ☐ Rep Row 2 until work meas 35cm
- ☐ Cast off

### TO MAKE UP

Join two Sponge Sections so squares form a checkerboard pattern, then repeat for remaining Sponge sections. Join short ends of Marzipan strip to form a ring, then pin and stitch to outer edge of joined Sponge section. Cut two 9cm squares of cardboard, then fit one so it sits neatly against WS of Sponge section. Cut 2cm x 34cm strip of card and fit around inside of Marzipan. Add stuffing, then position second cardboard square on top. Sew remaining Sponge section in place

### CUPCAKE CASE

- Using 3.5mm dpns and yarn C, D, or E, cast on six sts, distribute evenly over three needles, join in the rnd taking care not to twist sts, pm for beg of rnd
- ☐ Rnd 1: (kfb) to end. 12 sts

- ☐ Rnd 2: (k1, kfb) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Rnd 3: (k2, kfb) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Rnd 4: (k3, kfb) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnd 5: (k4, kfb) to end. 36 sts
- ☐ Rnd 6: (k5, kfb) to end. 42 sts
- ☐ Rnd 7: (k6, kfb) to end. 48 sts
- ☐ Rnd 8: (k7, kfb) to end. 54 sts
- ☐ Rnd 9: (k1, p1) to end
- This rnd sets rib
- ☐ Rep last rnd 13 times more
- ☐ Cast off in rib

### CAKE

- ☐ Make two 7cm pompoms in yarn C and one in yarn A

### CHERRY

- ☐ Make two 4cm pompoms in yarn B and one in yarn F

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in all ends on Case. Cut cardboard circle to fit in base of Case. Trim Cake to fit in Case, then sew in place through cardboard. Trim Cherry and stitch in place **LK**

## coming next issue

### QUICK & CUTE EASTER MAKES

April issue of Let's Knit on sale  
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# Berry Sweet

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"This handy set is essential for all your knitting and sewing projects. Use pinking shears to cut around the felt to give the pages of the needle case a professional look."

NICOLA VALIJI



## Measurements & Sizes

**Scissors keeper (small Strawberry):**

7cm tall

**Pincushion (large Strawberry):**

11.5cm tall

**Needle case:** 10.5cm x 7.5cm

(folded in half)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Cotton Classique DK, shade (A) 3660 White, (B) 3672 Poppy, (C) 3094 Fondant, (D) 3662 Sunflower, (E) 3097 Leaf, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Crochet hook:** 3mm

**Tapestry needle**

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Felt:** cream

**Button:** small

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Stylecraft Cotton Classique DK** is a pure cotton yarn with a soft matte finish. There are 23 cheerful shades to choose from. It costs £1.99 per 50g (92m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)

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## Need an Alternative?

As just one ball of each shade is needed, why not see what DK yarn is in your stash!

## crochetclever

The loop for the scissors keeper is worked using a crochet chain. To do this, first make a slipknot and place it on your crochet hook. Don't pull it too tightly as you need it to slide on your hook. Wrap the yarn around the hook from back to front, then pull this strand through the loop on your hook. You have just made one chain stitch. Keep doing this until your chain measures 34cm. Then cut the yarn and pull it through the loop on your hook to fasten off.



**T**here's something fab about foodie makes and this tasty-looking collection has a practical use too! It's the perfect gift for stitchers of all ages and includes a pin cushion, needle case and scissors keeper, all featuring a sweet strawberry motif that's really simple to knit.

## Start knitting here...

### SCISSORS KEEPER STRAWBERRY

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

- ☐ Row 1: (kfb) in each st. Six sts
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: (kfb) in each st. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 5: (kfb, k3) to end. 15 sts
- ☐ Row 7: (kfb, k4) to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Row 9: (kfb, k2) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 11: (kfb, k3) to end. 30 sts

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

- ☐ Row 13: (k1 E, k4 B) to end
- ☐ Row 14: p1 E, (p2 B, p3 E) to last four sts, p2 B, p2 E
- Cont in yarn E only
- ☐ Row 15: k
- ☐ Row 16: (p2tog, p3) to end. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 17: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 18: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Row 19: (k2tog) to end. Three sts
- ☐ Row 20: p
- ☐ Row 21: k
- ☐ Row 22: p
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### FLOWER

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn A, cast on six sts

- ☐ Row 1: (kfb) in each st. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: (kfb) in each st. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 5: p
- ☐ Row 6: k
- ☐ Row 7: p
- Change to yarn D
- ☐ Row 8: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 9: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### LEAVES (make three)

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

- ☐ Row 1: (kfb, k1) twice. Six sts
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: kfb, k3, kfb, k1. Eight sts
- ☐ Row 5: kfb, k5, kfb, k1. Ten sts
- ☐ Row 7: skpo, k6, k2tog. Eight sts
- ☐ Row 8: p2tog, p4, p2tog. Six sts
- ☐ Row 9: skpo, k2, k2tog. Four sts
- ☐ Row 10: (p2tog) to end. Two sts
- ☐ Row 11: skpo. One st
- ☐ Fasten off

### TO MAKE UP

Sew seam of Strawberry for 3cm from cast-on, then sew 2cm down from top stalk. Stuff, then close gap. Using 3mm crochet hook and yarn E, make a crochet chain 34cm long (see Crochet clever) and attach leaves to chain. Sew chain to Strawberry stalk. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Flower and pull tight to close, then sew side seam. Using tapestry needle and yarn D, bring yarn from

back up through centre of Flower, then take yarn around outside edge and back up through centre to make petals, pulling the yarn tightly each time. Repeat until five petals have been made

### PINCUSHION STRAWBERRY

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

- ☐ Row 1: (kfb) in each st. Six sts
- ☐ Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 3: (kfb) in each st. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 5: (kfb) in each st. 24 sts
- ☐ Row 7: k
- ☐ Row 9: (kfb, k3) to end. 30 sts
- ☐ Row 11: k
- ☐ Row 13: (kfb, k2) to end. 40 sts
- ☐ Rows 14-22: beg with a p row, work in st st

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

- ☐ Row 23: (k3 B, k1 E) to end
- ☐ Row 24: p2 E, (p1 B, p3 E) to last two sts, p1 B, p1 E
- Cont in yarn E only
- ☐ Row 25: k
- ☐ Row 26: (p2tog, p3) to end. 32 sts
- ☐ Row 27: k
- ☐ Row 28: (p2tog) to end. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 29: k
- ☐ Row 30: (p2tog) to end. Eight sts
- ☐ Rows 31-35: beg with a k row, work in st st
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

### LEAVES (make two)

- ☐ Using 3.25mm needles and yarn E, work as for Scissors keeper



## FLOWER

- Work as for Scissors keeper

## TO MAKE UP

Make up Strawberry as for Strawberry on Scissors keeper. Attach Leaves each side of flower

## NEEDLE CASE

### CASE

Using 3.25mm needles and yarn C, cast on 31 sts

- Row 1: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
- Rep Row 1 until work meas 10.5cm
- Cast off

## SMALL STRAWBERRY

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

- Row 1: (kfb) in each st. Four sts
- Row 2 and all WS rows: p
- Row 3: (kfb) in each st. Eight sts
- Row 5: (kfb, k2) twice, kfb, k1. 11 sts
- Row 7: (kfb, k3) twice, kfb, k2. 14 sts
- Row 9: k

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

- Row 10: (p1 E, p3 B) three times, p1 E, p1 B
- Row 11: (k3 E, k1 B) three times, k2 E

Cont in yarn E only

- Row 12: p
- Row 13: (k2tog) to end. Seven sts
- Row 14: p1, (p2tog) to end. Four sts
- Row 15: k1, k2tog, k1. Three sts
- Row 16: p
- Row 17: k
- Row 18: p
- Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

## FLOWER

- Work as for Scissors keeper

## LEAVES (make two)

- Work as for Scissors keeper

## TO MAKE UP

Cut a rectangle of cream felt to fit knitted case. Sew into place. Using 3mm crochet hook and yarn C, make a 7cm chain for button loop. Attach this to back of case in middle of side edge. Sew corresponding button to front of Case. Make up Strawberry as for Scissors keeper, but do not stuff. Make up Flower as for Scissors keeper. Sew Flower, Strawberry and Leaves to case as shown **LK**



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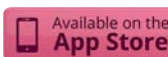


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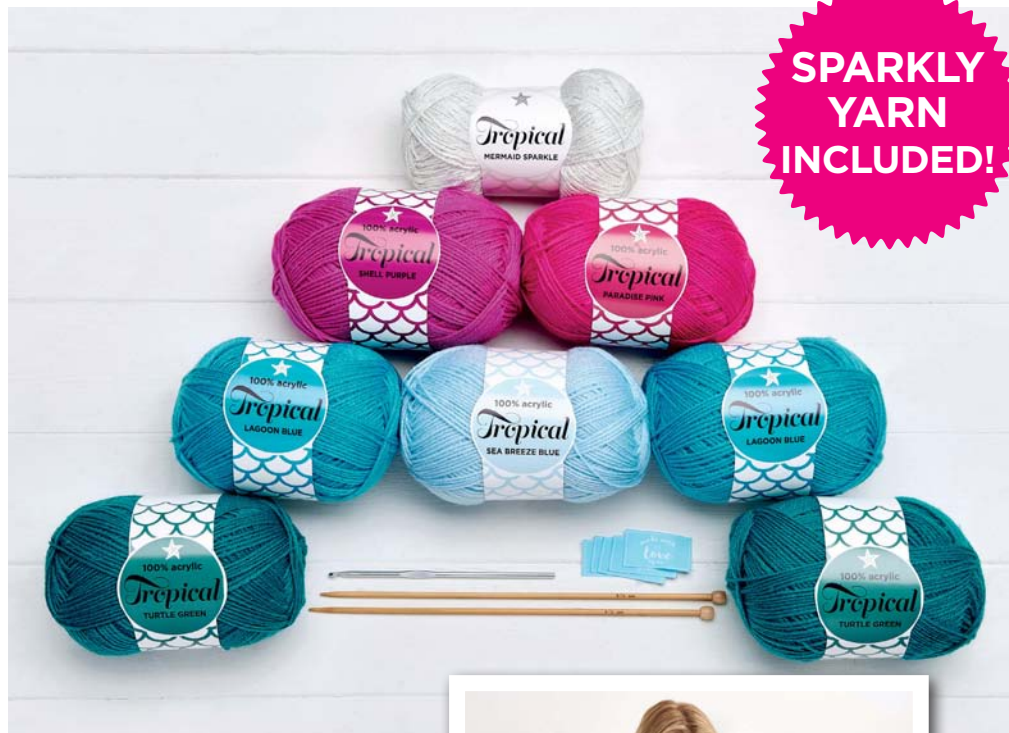


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# The Knitting Adventures of Arne & Carlos



Learn all about LK's favourite crafting duo!

With almost 100,000 followers on social media and an impressive six knitting pattern books already under their belt, we just can't get enough of these crafting extraordinaires! Inspired by Scandinavian culture, Arne Nerjordet and Carlos Zachrisson specialise in creating colourful, visually striking designs that even prestigious international brands are lining up to collaborate on. As they celebrate the launch of their seventh knitting book in the UK, we take a look back at some of their knitting highlights!

## 2011: Celebrating Christmas

With Scandi style and comfort at its most popular around Christmas, the release of *55 Balls To Knit* was a sure-fire hit. The first of the pair's successful portfolio of books focuses on the festive classic, the humble bauble. If you'd never thought a single one of these simple makes could transform a room, then prepare to be amazed – you can literally hang them everywhere.



Do you remember our fab Quick Christmas Knits booklet from issue 99? It featured three delightful bauble patterns from Arne & Carlos!



## 2012: Delightful Dolls

Dressing up was one of the greatest games to play when you were young, and *Knitted Dolls* will reignite your love for this childhood favourite! With just about every garment you could imagine, including a snuggly love heart onesie, this book almost makes up for the fact that you don't have a walk-in wardrobe at home.



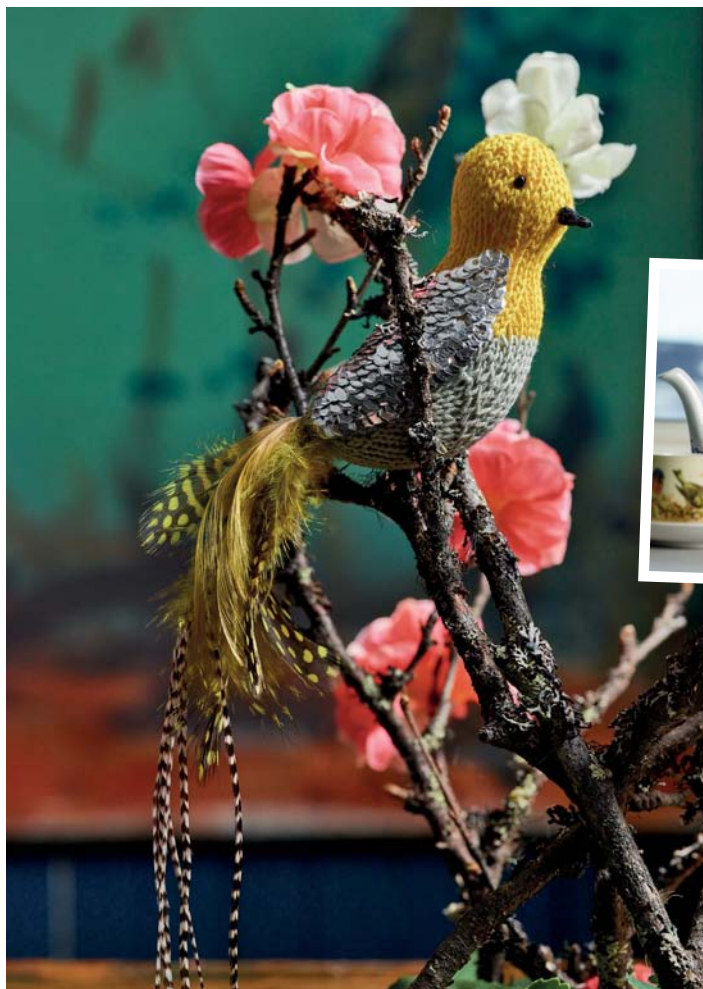
## 2013: Fun In The Sun

With warmer weather, picnics in the park become an everyday ritual. Don't be afraid of venturing into the world of hippie-themed floral knitting with *Knit-and-Crochet Garden*. Positively bursting with countryside delights that are perfect for both beginner and experienced knitters, these designs are great stash busters with the clash of bright, vivid colours only adding to the project's charm! If larger scale projects aren't your forte, *Easter Knits* might be just up your street. With everything from bouncing bunnies to egg-cosy sweaters, these makes will ensure any home beams with delight.



**“Arne & Carlos are very, very good at designing stranded/Fair Isle motifs. I love their use of colour.”**

**The Twisted Yarn**



## 2017: Birdwatching

Knitters, you may want to ready your needles as Arne and Carlos's newest release is about to hit the UK. *Field Guide To Knitted Birds* is a colourful masterpiece which expertly captures beautiful breeds in all their adorable glory. “We quickly discovered how much fun it was to knit birds, and we went from knitting single-color birds to some inspired by actual birds,” they explained. “However, we don't rein in our imaginations. We also like to make our own, abstract varieties – we call them designer birds.” We adore the witty adaptations of traditional Scandi styles, there's even a delightful range of spectacle-wearing jumpered critters that are sure to win over even the most serious

of knitters. Start your chirpy collection by knitting the pair's Woolly Woodpecker on page 62, but don't stop there, go the whole hog by knitting the entire bird kingdom!



## Get your own!

To celebrate the release of Arne & Carlos's seventh knitting pattern book, we are giving 15 lucky winners a signed copy of their latest work. But that's not all, the first 25 LK readers to buy the book from Search Press will receive a signed copy! Turn to page 72 to enter the giveaway, or purchase *Field Guide To Knitted Birds* for £14.99 from [www.searchpress.co.uk](http://www.searchpress.co.uk) and enter the code **Let's Knit signed copy**.





## Measurements & Sizes

Length: 14cm long

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, shades (A) 79 Ultra Marine, (B) 09 Apple, (C) 12 Scarlet, one 50g ball of each

**Needles:** 3mm double-pointed, set of five

**Crochet hook:** 3mm

**Stitch marker**

**Seed beads:** black, two

**Tapestry needle**

## Tension square

- 30 sts x 40 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 3mm needles

## Special abbreviations

**RLI:** lift st one row below next st on LH needle and place this st on end of LH needle. K into lifted st and let this loop drop from LH needle, keeping original st on LH needle

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

The yarn used in these photographs is unavailable in the UK, so we've chosen a good substitute and colour matched the shades for you.

**Debbie Bliss Rialto DK** is a merino wool yarn that has good stitch definition and although it can be machine washed, this little bird is best sponge cleaned by hand. The yarn costs £5.50 per 50g (105m) ball from **01829 740903**, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)

## knitwise

When stranding the colours, try not to pull the floats too tightly. As you knit, use your index finger to stretch out the work and even out your stitches. After the tail has been completely knitted, insert a pencil into the tail and press it around to smooth out the stitches.

## Love this?

This fab feathered fellow is from *Field Guide To Knitted Birds* by Arne & Carlos (£14.99, Search Press). It's a colourful collection of over 40 birds for all skill levels. Turn to page 62 for an exclusive reader offer and to find out more!



SWEET BIRD TOY

# WOOLLY WOODPECKER

Knit Arne & Carlos's bright and colourful feathered friend!



**T**his little chap is the perfect herald of spring! Ok, so his colour pattern might not be entirely ornithologically accurate, but he's a fun make that gives you the chance to try Fair Isle in the round. Created by top design duo Arne and Carlos, the pattern uses two colours throughout, while the extra red sections on the body and tail are embroidered with Swiss darning. We'd love to see your finished makes! You can send us your photos using the contact details on page 51.

## Start knitting here..

Using 3mm dpns and yarn B, cast on 14 sts and divide over four needles as follows: N1: four sts, N2: three sts, N3: four sts, N4: three sts, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd

**NOTE: red sts on tail and stomach are Swiss darned**

□ Work Rnds 1-21 from Body Chart, working across both Front and Back sts

## Rump

Cont working from Chart, whilst shaping as follows:

- Rnd 22: (k3, RLI, k1, RLI in same st as prev RLI, k3) twice. 18 sts
- Rnd 23 and all odd-numbered rnds: k

- Rnd 24: (k1, m1, k7, m1, k1) twice. 22 sts
- Rnd 26: (k1, m1, k9, m1, k1) twice. 26 sts
- Rnd 28: (k1, m1, k11, m1, k1) twice. 30 sts
- Rnd 30: (k1, m1, k13, m1, k1) twice. 34 sts
- Rnd 32: (k1, m1, k15, m1, k1) twice. 38 sts
- Rnd 33: k

## Stomach

Cont foll colourwork patt from Body Chart, work back and forth in short rows, as follows:

- NOTE: always slip first st twice wyib on RS and wyif on WS**
- Row 34: k13, turn





“Read more about design duo Arne and Carlos on page 62!”

LK Deputy Editor Adrienne Chandler

- ☐ Row 35: sl 1, p6, turn
- ☐ Row 36: sl 1, k7, turn
- ☐ Row 37: sl 1, p8, turn
- ☐ Row 38: sl 1, k9, turn
- ☐ Row 39: sl 1, p10, turn
- ☐ Row 40: sl 1, k11, turn
- ☐ Row 41: sl 1, p12, turn
- ☐ Row 42: sl 1, k13, turn
- ☐ Row 43: sl 1, p14, turn
- ☐ Row 44: sl 1, k15, turn
- ☐ Row 45: sl 1, p16, turn
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- ☐ Row 47: sl 1, p18, turn

### Breast

Return to working in the rnd as folls:

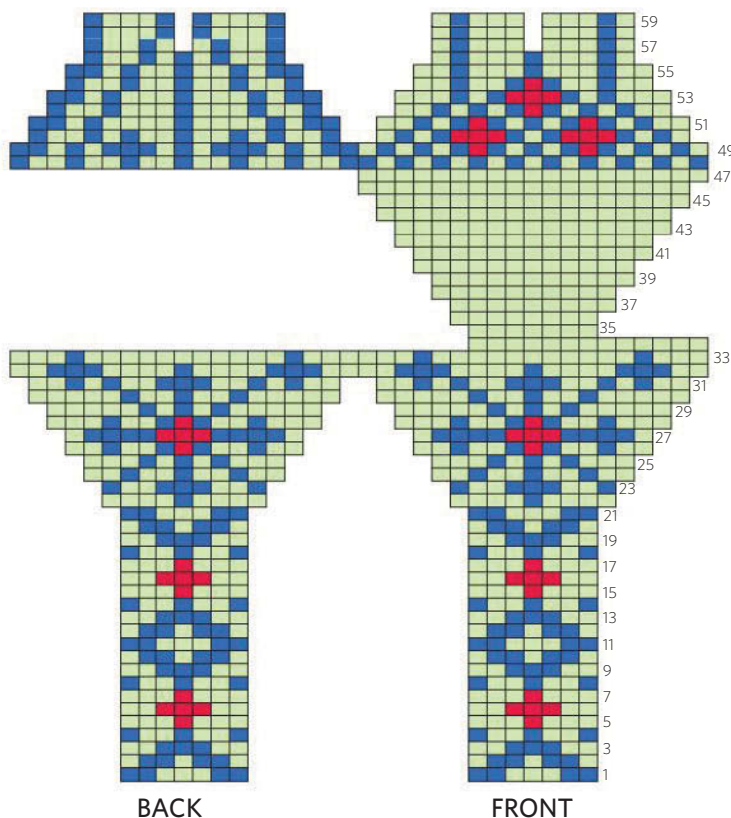
- ☐ Rnd 48: sl 1, k37
- ☐ Rnd 49 and all odd-numbered rnds: k
- ☐ Rnd 50: (k1, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k1) twice. 34 sts
- ☐ Rnd 52: (k1, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k1) twice. 30 sts
- ☐ Rnd 54: (k1, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k1) twice. 26 sts
- ☐ Rnd 56: (k1, k2tog, k7, k2tog, k1) twice. 22 sts
- ☐ Rnd 57: (k4, k2tog, k5) twice. 20 sts
- ☐ Rnds 58-59: k

### Head

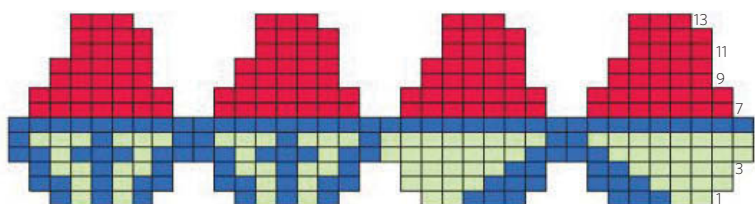
Foll colour patt from Head chart, work as folls:

- ☐ Rnd 1: k
- ☐ Rnd 2: k1, m1, k4, m1, k2, m1, k3, m1, k1, m1, k3, m1, k1, m1, k4, m1, k1. 28 sts
- ☐ Rnd 3: k
- ☐ Rnd 4: (k1, m1, k5, m1, k1) four times. 36 sts

### BODY CHART



### HEAD CHART



- ☐ Rnds 5-6: k
- ☐ Rnd 7: (k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1) four times. 28 sts
- ☐ Rnd 8: k
- ☐ Rnd 9: (k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1) four times. 20 sts
- ☐ Rnd 10: k
- ☐ Rnd 11: (k1, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k1) twice. 16 sts
- ☐ Rnd 12: k
- ☐ Rnd 13: (k1, k2tog, k1) four times. 12 sts
- ☐ Cut yarn leaving a tail, thread through rem sts, but do not pull tight

### TO MAKE UP

Flatten Tail and sew end at cast-on row, making sure Front and Back sides are correctly oriented. Stretch body and tighten any stitches that are loose. Block by gently steam pressing under a damp cloth. Stuff bird and then pull yarn tail at top of head tight and fasten off. Swiss darn red sections shown on Chart. Sew on black seed beads for eyes.

### BEAK

Using 3mm crochet hook, join yarn C to centre st on face with a sl st

- ☐ 2ch, yoh, insert hook into first knitted st up from one side of the first ch and through the nearest strand of st above, yoh, pull through two loops, yoh, insert hook into st above ch, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook, yoh, insert hook into st on opposite side of ch, yoh, pull through first two loops on hook, yoh, pull through all loops on hook
- ☐ Fasten off

Using two yarn ends, sew back and forth through beak to make it stronger. Weave in ends **LK**







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### On-trend Knit Kits

Knit kits are ideal gifts as they provide both the materials and the design inspiration. DesignEtte's Spiders Web kit is a stylish, flattering pattern that's available in sizes XS to 3XL! There's a choice of 20 rich colours to pick from, and the pattern is easy to follow so will suit beginners. The luscious pure mercerised Egyptian cotton is incredibly soft, and ideal for spring. Browse the range of kits online at [www.designette.co.uk](http://www.designette.co.uk) or [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)



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### Springtime Knits

If your loved one is new to knitting and crochet, or even if they've mastered the craft, CraftStore has everything they'll need to start a new project. Mums will love knitting up this sweet hexagon blanket by Nicola Valiji, it's great for springtime picnics! It is all made without any complicated stitches, just basic increases and decreases that'll have you throwing together a flurry of interlocking shapes before you know it. It costs £9.99, call **0800 923 3005** or visit [www.craftstoreuk.com](http://www.craftstoreuk.com) for more information.

# Mother's Day gift guide

Yarny treats that your  
mum will adore!

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### Britain's Best

If you're keen to add a touch of luxury to Mother's Day this year then stock up your mum's stash with some gorgeous British alpaca yarn from The Little Wool Company. The pure Chilla Valley yarn and yarn basket will delight any knitter as it's the perfect fibre for keepsake knits. If your mum is a lover of homewares, then check out the mugs also on offer, or simply let her choose her own presents with a gift card. The Natural Care Gift Set costs £12.50, browse this and other fab presents at [www.thelittlewoolcompany.com](http://www.thelittlewoolcompany.com)



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### Pure Luxury

Looking for the perfect all-in-one gift this Mother's Day? Then you'll love The Little Knitting Company's gift hampers! Filled with gorgeous yarn, essential needles, decorative buttons and handy stitch markers – any knitting expeditions will be well catered for. They include a range of luxurious fibres that your mum will adore such as cashmere, yak and mohair. Visit [www.thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk](http://www.thelittleknittingcompany.co.uk) to browse their fab range of hampers.





# Fabulous 4ply

Knit stunning shawls and socks confidently with this lightweight yarn!

Georgeous accessories are every knitter's best friend, and they look fab knitted in this lovely weight! There are a whole host of amazing blends on the market, so for a real touch of luxury, why not try knitting wraps and scarves you'll treasure forever in something extra special?



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## 1. Manos del Uruguay Serena

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## 2. Patons 100% Cotton 4ply

This silky smooth mercerised cotton yarn is available in a range of vibrant fashionable colours. It's ideal for fab accessories as it has a lovely tight spin, giving it a great shine and easy handle. It costs £4.19 per 100g (330m) ball from [www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk](http://www.purpleindacrafts.co.uk)



## 3. King Cole Bamboo Cotton 4ply

This beautiful blend is ideal for delicate knits and it'll showcase the intricate stitches of your shawl wonderfully! Its lightweight feel is ideal for stepping into spring, and it's available for £2.99 per 100g (371m) ball from **01925 764231**, [www.blacksheepwools.com](http://www.blacksheepwools.com)



## 4. Sirdar Cotton 4ply

This beautiful yarn comes in a range of glorious shades, combining both classic and fashion colours. The mercerised sheen means that it is an incredibly smooth yarn, perfect for summer shawls! It costs £4.50 per 100g (212m) ball from [www.shirleywools.com](http://www.shirleywools.com)



## 5. Debbie Bliss Rialto 4ply

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## 7. Bergere De France Caline

Babies will love this cuddly, fine yarn due to its 20% combed wool composition. This easy to care for yarn is ideal for essential knits for the whole family as it can be washed happily in low temperatures. It costs £3.40 per 50g (180m) ball from [www.bergeredefrance.co.uk](http://www.bergeredefrance.co.uk)



## 8. Cascade Ultra Pima Fine

Available in a wonderful selection of colours, this beautiful skein is both light and incredibly soft – ideal for spring! It's fabulous for baby clothes, nursery essentials and childrenswear, and costs £6.79 per 100g (200m) ball from **0800 505 3300**, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)





# The Yarn Shop Day Cheat Sheet!

9 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR ON YSD 2017

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## DEMOS & TUTORIALS

CRAFT WORKSHOPS ARE MORE POPULAR THAN EVER AND SOME OF OUR PARTICIPATING STORES WILL BE ARRANGING SPECIAL SESSIONS TO SHOW YOU HOW TO DO A RANGE OF TECHNIQUES, LIKE KNITTING, SPINNING OR CROCHET.

## Yarn Shop Day is back for its fourth year!

On **Saturday 6th May** hundreds of retailers across the country will be joining our special day to celebrate bricks and mortar yarn stores. Here are just some of the treats you could look forward to! Head along to [www.letsknit.co.uk/yarnshopday](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/yarnshopday) for regular updates and to find out more.

## Guest appearances

Look out for our Yarn Shop Day Ambassadors who will be popping along to stores across the country for book signings, workshops or just to enjoy the day. We've got top designers, authors and knitting stars taking part, including **Debbie Bliss** and our very own **Sarah Neal**.

## 1 EXCLUSIVE PATTERNS

Meet Rainbow the Unicorn and Coral the Mermaid! The patterns are only available on the day from our official participating stores. Check online to find one near you.

## Tasty treats

SOME OF OUR PARTICIPATING STORES WILL BE PROVIDING FABULOUS REFRESHMENTS FOR YOU TO ENJOY, RANGING FROM A COMFORTING CUPPA TO AMAZING BAKED GOODIES – JUST TRY NOT TO GET CRUMBS IN YOUR YARN!



## Amazing places

We adore yarn stores of all shapes and sizes and our Love Your Yarn Shop campaign celebrates them all: big and small, near and far. Yarn Shop Day is the perfect opportunity to spend time in these hotspots of creative joy. Why not visit a few?

## DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Who doesn't love a good sale? Head to your LYS on Yarn Shop Day and you might be able to bag a bargain! There are sensational savings to be had – which means you can buy even more yarn. Wahey!

## A VERY SPECIAL KNITALONG!

**Debbie Bliss** has created a blanket knitalong just for Yarn Shop Day! It's made up of eight different squares and you can get the patterns from any participating store in the weeks running up to the big day.



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## Knitters & crocheters! →

You'll get to enjoy the special day with like-minded people who get just as excited about yarn as you do. Now that's a good way to spend a Saturday!

## COMPETITIONS & PRIZE DRAWS

All our stores will have something different to offer and you might be in with a chance of winning fabulous prizes. Head to your nearest participating shop on the day to see what's on.



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# Knitted home with ERIKA KNIGHT

Top designer **Erika** shares her home style secrets

**"T**his colourful cushion is a little parody on the ubiquitous colour wheel found in every colour theory book and art school lecture. I started out as a student of Fine Art and was always fascinated by the theory behind how colours work and how to employ this knowledge in practice, to stimulate a very emotional response from the viewer. Of course colour is a very personal and individual concept and inextricably linked to our mood and memories so it is impossible to be prescriptive. But that is the best thing about making something by hand – you can adapt and modify your project to suit your own taste from beginning to end. This round cushion is worked in stocking stitch in a linen-cotton yarn and designed using eight colours to mimic the colour wheel, but you may wish to use tones of the same colour to fit your own style or home décor. I chose a linen-cotton yarn for the clear stitch definition which gives a neat finish, but this would also be a great way to use up oddments that you might have in your stash from a long finished Fair Isle or colourwork project. This pattern uses 'short row shaping' which is a seam-free way of shaping your knitting to create curved wedges of colour without hard edged 'steps'. The very simple and clever technique works beautifully to create a swirl of colour. Colour theory, a new knitting technique and a stylish cushion – that's multi-tasking at its very best!"

[www.erikaknight.co.uk](http://www.erikaknight.co.uk)

## Measurements & Sizes

40cm diameter

## Tension Square

- 21 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- stocking stitch
- 4.5mm needles

## About the Yarn

Rowan Creative Linen is a heavy DK yarn that blends 50% linen and 50% cotton. It has lovely stitch definition and comes in beautifully rich tones. It costs £8.95 per 100g (200m) skein from 01273 456570, [www.englishyarns.co.uk](http://www.englishyarns.co.uk)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** Rowan Creative Linen, shades (A) 638 Eggplant, (B) 637 Coleus, (C) 622 Straw, (D) 629 Apple, (E) 632 Leaf, (F) 625 Teal, (G) 630 Denim, (H) 635 Stormy, one 100g skein of each

**Needles:** 4.5mm

**Cushion pad:** round, 40cm diameter

**Tapestry needle**

## Special abbreviations

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

**For abbreviations see page 92**

## Start knitting here...

### FRONT

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn A, cast on 42 sts

- \*\* Row 1 (RS): k to end
- Row 2: p to end
- Row 3: k to last two sts, w&t
- Row 4: p to end
- Row 5: k to last four sts, w&t
- Row 6: p to end
- Cont as set, leaving two more sts unworked on every RS row until all sts have been worked ending after a p row\*\*
- Change to yarn B and rep from \*\* to \*\*

**NOTE: On all reps of Row 1, work wraps tog with st**

Cont to rep from \*\* to \*\* working in foll colour sequence:

- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F
- Yarn G
- Yarn H
- Do not cast-off, join last segment to first segment by grafting one st from needle with corresponding stitch on cast-on edge

### BACK

Using 4.5mm needles and yarn H, cast on 42 sts

- Rep from \*\* to \*\* as for Front
- Cont to rep from \*\* to \*\*, working in foll colour sequence:
- Yarn G
- Yarn F
- Yarn E
- Yarn D
- Yarn C
- Yarn B
- Yarn A
- Do not cast-off, join last segment to first segment by grafting one st from needle with corresponding stitch on cast-on edge

### TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends. Gently steam work on WS to relax stitches. Sew running stitch around small hole in centre of each piece and pull to gather. Fasten securely. Sew Front and Back together, matching colours along seam and leaving an opening for inserting cushion pad. Insert pad and close seam **LK**





“Why not see what effects  
you could create with fewer  
colours or by adjusting the  
width of the stripes?”

LK Deputy Editor  
**Adrienne Chandler**



## love this?

This vibrant cushion is from *Simple Colour Knitting* by Erika Knight (Quadrille, £16.99), which features 20 gorgeous designs and photography by Yuki Sugiura. There are also step-by-step guides on different colourwork techniques, including Fair Isle. Get your copy from your local bookshop or online at [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)





## Kelly Connor Designs bag and needle case

Kelly Connor Designs are ideal for edgy crafters! The eye-catching bag and adorable case are incredibly robust and sturdy, meaning they're perfect portable storage. We have three bundles to give away, each containing a fabulous knitting bag and needle case. Visit [www.kellyconnordesigns.com](http://www.kellyconnordesigns.com)

☒ Kelly Connor



## The Crafty Kit Company knit kit

This knitting kit creates a gorgeous mummy and baby bunny, complete with their own adorable pinafores.

It is ideal for beginner knitters looking to improve their skills! The kit contains everything you need to make the two bunnies, including needles and yarn. We've got three kits to giveaway, for more information visit [www.craftykitcompany.co.uk](http://www.craftykitcompany.co.uk)



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## The Herdy Company herdybank

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Us knitters love sheep, as without them, there would be no wonderful wool! These rather special stoneware money boxes will look after your pennies until it's time for your next yarny treat. They're hand painted in Sri Lanka and will look incredibly cute in your home. They're available in a range of six stunning colours, so pick one that best suits you. We've got six to give away, find out more by visiting [www.herdy.co.uk](http://www.herdy.co.uk)

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## Tea Cosy Folk bird patterns

Birds are set to be incredibly popular this year, so why not welcome spring with these fabulous bird-themed teacosies!

They're sure to brighten your day and prove to be a great talking point for entertaining guests! There are a variety of fabulous patterns on offer for tea time, so don't be afraid to try and knit your favourite animal or character. We've got ten bundles of three patterns for the blue tit, robin and owl teacosies.

[www.teacosyfolk.co.uk](http://www.teacosyfolk.co.uk) ☒ Tea cosy patterns



10 to win

# GIVEAWAYS

DON'T MISS THIS MONTH'S AMAZING PRIZES, WORTH OVER £1,100!

## Clover knitting sets

We love using cute accessories and tools to help us with our knitting. Clover has released two new knitting kits, one for beginners and one for sock knitting. Both contain handy stitch markers, needle protectors and other basic necessities in neat compact cases. They'd be great for knitting our fab lace hem sweater on page 13. We've got six kits to give away. For more information, email [clover@stockistenquiries.co.uk](mailto:clover@stockistenquiries.co.uk)

☒ Clover kits



6 to win

## Giveaway FORM

To enter our giveaways, just tick the box (or boxes) corresponding with the prize you want to win and send your entry to us, to arrive no later than 29/03/17. Mark your envelope: **Let's Knit March Giveaways, PO Box 443, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP2 8WG**

☐ Kelly Connor ☐ Bunny Kit ☐ Herdy banks ☐ Tea cosy patterns ☐ Clover kits ☐ Field guide

What is your favourite project in this issue?

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# Country Cottage

## Part 3

Your next two squares in our gorgeous knitalong!

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### Measurements & Sizes

All squares: 20cm x 20cm

### Knit Kit

**NOTE:** amounts given are for the whole blanket

**Yarn:** Stylecraft Special DK, shades (A) 1005 Cream, two 100g balls, (B) 1711 Spice, (C) 1422 Aspen, (D) 1080 Pale Rose, (E) 1712 Lime, (F) 1277 Violet, (G) 1823 Mustard, (H) 1432 Wisteria, (I) 1188 Lavender (J) 1084 Magenta, one 100g ball of each

**Needles:** 4mm

**Tapestry needle**

### Tension Square

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

For abbreviations see page 92

### About the Yarn

Stylecraft Special DK is a versatile acrylic yarn that knits to a standard DK tension and is machine washable. There are over 80 colourways to choose from. It has an RRP of £1.99 per 100g (295m) ball. To find your nearest stockist, call 01484 848435 or visit [www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk](http://www.stylecraft-yarns.co.uk)

### What You Need To Know

- Make two of each of the 12 squares for a full-size blanket or one of each for a smaller blanket
- Two new squares will appear in each of the next three issues of Let's Knit
- If you've missed an instalment, all parts will be available to buy online from the 8th June

#### KEY

- yarn A
- RS: knit
- WS: purl
- yarn F
- yarn G
- yarn C

This issue we're celebrating the spring season and Siân Brown's blanket is full of joyful colours and pretty motifs. In this third instalment, we're bringing you a subtle textured effect and bold Fair Isle motif. Don't miss the next two squares, available in our April issue, on sale Thursday 16th March.

### Start knitting here...

#### FLOWER FAIR ISLE

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 45 sts

- Beg with a RS row, k three rows
- Commence Chart as follows reading RS rows from right to left and WS rows from left to right:

**NOTE:** letter foll instruction indicates yarn shade. To avoid

using three colours on a single row, yarn G sts can be worked in intarsia or Swiss darned afterwards

- Row 1 (WS): k3 A, p Row 1 of Chart, k3 A
- Row 2 (RS): k3 A, k Row 2 of Chart, k3 A
- These two rows set position of Chart
- Cont as set until all 22 rows of Chart are complete
- Rep Rows 1-22 once more
- Next row: using yarn A, k3, p to last three sts, k3
- Using yarn A, k three rows
- Cast off

#### LARKSPUR

Using 4mm needles and yarn A, cast on 44 sts

- Beg with a WS row, k three rows
- Commence patt as follows:

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

- Row 1: k3 A, using yarn H, k2, \* yfwd, skpo, k3, k2tog, yfwd, k2, rep from \* to last three sts, k3 A
- Row 2 and all alt rows: k3 A, using yarn H, p to last three sts, k3 A
- Row 3: k3 A, using yarn H, k2, \* yfwd, k1, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1, yfwd, k2, rep from \* to last three sts, k3 A
- Row 5: k3 A, using yarn H, k2, \* k1, k2tog, yfwd, k1, yfwd, skpo, k3, rep from \* to last three sts, k3 A
- Row 7: k3 A, using yarn H, k2, \* k2tog, k1, (yfwd, k1) twice, skpo, k2, rep from \* to last three sts, k3 A
- Row 8: as Row 2
- These eight rows set patt
- Rep until work meas 19cm from cast-on edge, ending with

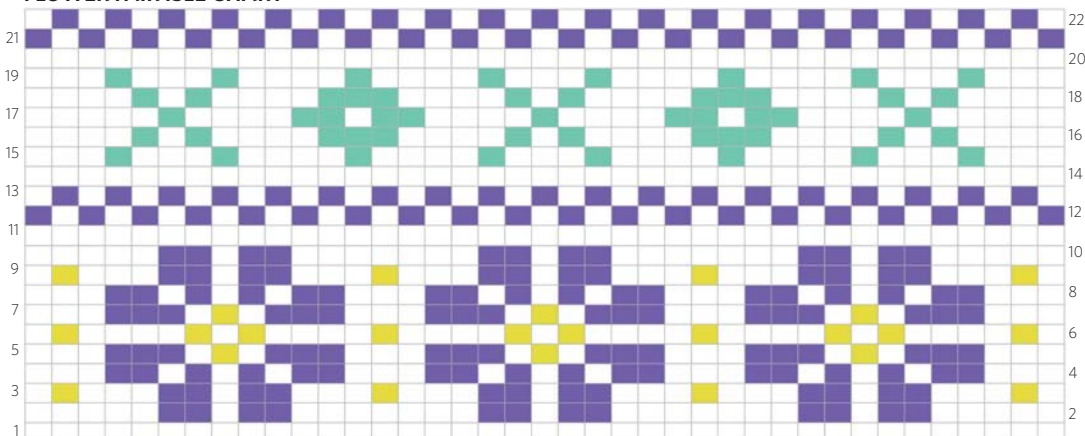
#### FLOWER FAIR ISLE



#### LARKSPUR



#### FLOWER FAIR ISLE CHART





**P**ineapples are the fruit du jour and why should your baby miss out on the hottest trends? The colour effect of the main hat is created by simply working with three strands of 5ply or sport-weight yarn at the same time, just hold them together as you knit. We'd love to see photos of your finished hats – get in touch using the details on page 51!

### Measurements & sizes

To fit age: 0-6 months

Circumference: 35.5cm

### Tension square

16 sts x 22 rows

10cm x 10cm

Over pattern

5.5mm needles

### You will need:

#### YARN:

Katia Merino Baby, shades  
(A) 03 Cream, (B) 37 Yellow,  
(C) 43 Brown, (D) 56 Green,  
one 50g ball of each

#### NEEDLES:

3.25mm, 5.5mm

#### TAPESTRY NEEDLE

### Start knitting here

#### HAT

Using 5.5mm needles and yarns A, B and C held together, cast on 52 sts

\* Rows 1-2: (k2, p2) to end

\* Rows 3-4: (p2, k2) to end

These four rows set patt

\* Cont in patt until Hat meas 12cm, ending after a Row 4

\* Next row (RS): (k2tog, p2tog) to end. 26 sts

\* Next row: (p2tog, k2tog) to last two sts, p2tog. 13 sts

\* Next row: k1, (p2tog, k2tog) to end. Seven sts

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

#### LEAVES

Using 3.25mm needles and one strand of yarn D, cast on 15 sts

\* Row 1: k

\* Row 2: p

\* Row 3: cast off 12 sts, k to end. Three sts

\* Row 4: p

\* Row 5: cast on 12 sts, k to end. 15 sts

\* Row 6: p

\* Row 7: cast off 12 sts, k to end. Three sts

\* Row 8: p

\* Rep Rows 5-8 until seven small leaves have been made. Three sts

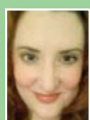
# Knit Nicola Valiji's adorable PINEAPPLE BABY HAT

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"This pineapple hat can be completed in a few evenings and will make a unique baby gift."

NICOLA VALIJI

For abbreviations see page 92

- \* Next row: cast on 16 sts, k to end. 19 sts
- \* Next row: p
- \* Next row: cast off 16 sts, k to end. Three sts
- \* Next row: p
- \* Rep last four rows until eight medium leaves have been made
- \* Next row: cast on 20 sts, k to end. 23 sts
- \* Next row: p
- \* Next row: cast off 20 sts, k to end. Three sts
- \* Next row: p
- \* Rep last four rows until nine large leaves have been made
- \* Cast off

#### TO MAKE UP

Sew side seam of Hat. Roll Leaves from cast-on edge to cast-off edge then secure with a few stitches. Sew Leaves to the top of the hat **LK**

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# Help?



Hi there! This month we discuss colourwork and the ins-and-outs of blocking

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## WHAT IS... INTARSIA

This is a type of colourwork where blocks of colour are used to create motifs, from something as simple as spots to entire picture knits. Each section of colour must be worked with a different bobbin of yarn, which can make the technique a little fiddly, although the end result is worth it. To avoid getting your bobbins in a tangle, it helps to work at a table or desk. Some of the most colourful and extravagant knits ever designed use the intarsia technique – just look at the work of Kaffe Fassett!



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## Ask Martine

**Q** Is blocking my knitting really necessary?

**A** Blocking, for me, is one of the least fun parts of the knitting process

(with the exception of weaving in ends, obviously!) But in many cases, it's important.

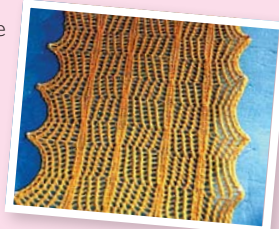
Some knitters insist on blocking everything, whereas some only block the projects that need it. I fall into the latter category, but I have quite specific rules on what I do and do not block. You can find out more about the actual process of blocking (essentially, stretching and shaping your knits) on page 93.

It's essential that lace shawls are blocked, preferably using blocking wires. Knit Picks' blocking wires and pins are recommended. The beauty of a lace shawl is only revealed after blocking. In fact, any knitted lace item should be blocked for this reason. Fair Isle knitting also benefits greatly from blocking. The process can fix uneven tension, and if you are using wool, you'll find it blooms when dry, giving a nicer overall look.

Blocking sweaters is not always necessary – it's a personal choice and depends on the pattern. If you are going to block garments don't forget to block your gauge swatch. Otherwise, you could be in for a nasty surprise with your garment sizing! You might choose to block garments in sections before joining everything up.

I never block socks. They are washed so frequently and end up shaping to your foot. That's sufficient blocking for me.

When you are making a decision about whether to block your knitting, consider the yarn you are using. Natural fibres such as wool and cotton tend to benefit from blocking more than acrylic.



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## HOW ABOUT YOU?

**We asked for your thoughts on blocking.**

*"With garments I tend to just block them after the first wash – they need to be reshaped anyway."*

**Anne Casey**

*"A foam mat like a camping sleep mat or baby play mat is a useful surface for blocking."*

**Toshia McKissick**

### NEXT ISSUE:

**How can I find more time to knit?**

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*Adrienne Chandler shows you how...*

## Here's what you need...

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- ☐ A pair of 3.5mm needles
- ☐ A 15cm wide silver purse frame with loops
- ☐ A silver chain that's 1.2m long
- ☐ Lining fabric
- ☐ Debbie Abrahams size 6 seed beads. We've used 56 beads in shade 34 Clear
- ☐ Sewing needle, thread and a glue gun
- ☐ A tapestry needle for sewing up

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When working in the moss stitch pattern with 3.5mm needles, you should be getting 24 stitches and 40 rows over a 10cm square.

The finished purse measures 20cm at its widest point x 21cm deep (including clasp)

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

This adorable purse is a fun and fabulous make and uses basic shaping techniques and an easy textured pattern. All you need to know is how to knit, purl and cast-off, then I'll show you how to do the rest.

## Start knitting here...

**FRONT AND BACK** (make two)

Make a slipknot and place it on a 3.5mm needle. Now cast on 22 more stitches, giving you 23 stitches in total

Find out how to make a slipknot and cast on over on page 94.

☐ **Row 1 (RS): (k1, p1) in first st, (k next st, p next st) to last two sts, k1, (p1, k1) in last st. 25 sts**

Here you are working twice into the same stitch. To do it, knit the first stitch as normal but keep it on the right needle, move the yarn to the front of the work between the tips of the needles, then purl the same stitch.



At the end of this row, purl the stitch first, then move the yarn to the back of the work between the needles so you can knit into the same stitch.

☐ **Row 2: (k1, p1) to last st, k1**

☐ **Row 3: cast on two sts, (k1, p1) to last st, k1. 27 sts**

To cast-on at the beginning of a row, it's best to use the cable cast-on method.

Step 1: insert the right needle between the first two stitches on the left needle, wrap the yarn around the needle and pull the loop through.



Step 2: place this loop on the end of the left needle.



Repeat Steps 1-2, counting your newest stitch as the first stitch on the left needle. Then work to the end of the row as instructed.

☐ **Rows 4-13: as Row 3. 51 sts**

☐ **Rows 14-38: (k1, p1) to last st, k1**

☐ **Row 39: p2tog, (k1, p1) to last st, k1. 50 sts**



## P2T0G

This decreases by one stitch. To do it, insert the right needle through the next two stitches on the left needle as if to purl, as shown. Wrap the yarn around the right needle tip and pull it through both stitches, letting them both drop from the left needle.



- Row 40: p2tog, (k1, p1) to end. 49 sts
- Rows 41-42: (p1, k1) to last st, p1
- Row 43: k2tog, (p1, k1) to last st, p1. 48 sts

## K2T0G

This is similar to a p2tog and also decreases by one stitch. Insert the right needle into the next two stitches as shown, wrap the yarn around the needle and pull it through both stitches. Let both the original stitches drop from the left needle.

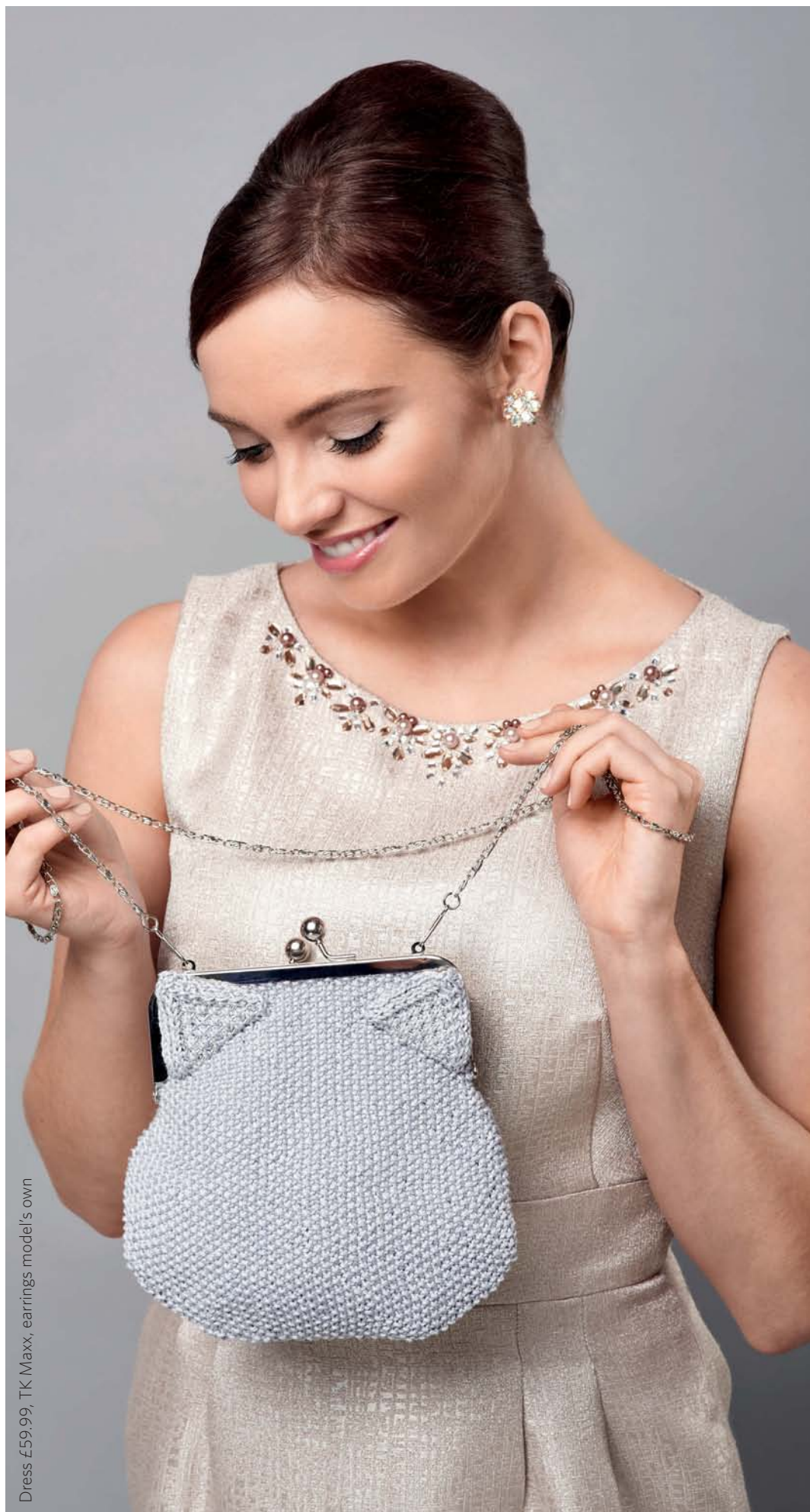


- Row 44: k2tog, (p1, k1) to end. 47 sts
  - Rows 45-46: (k1, p1) to last st, k1
  - Rows 47-54: rep Rows 39-46. 43 sts
  - Rows 55-56: rep Rows 39-40. 41 sts
  - Rows 57-74: (p1, k1) to last st, p1
  - Row 75: k2tog, (p1, k1) to last three sts, p1, k2tog. 39 sts
  - Row 76: p2tog, (k1, p1) to last three sts, k1, p2tog. 37 sts
  - Cast off
- Weave in ends



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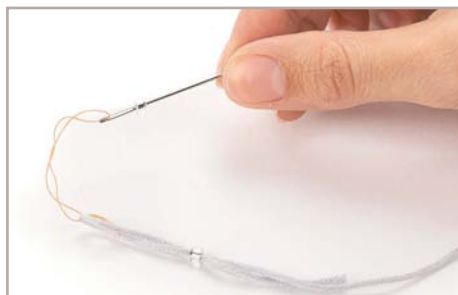
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## EARS (make two)

### Thread 28 beads onto your yarn

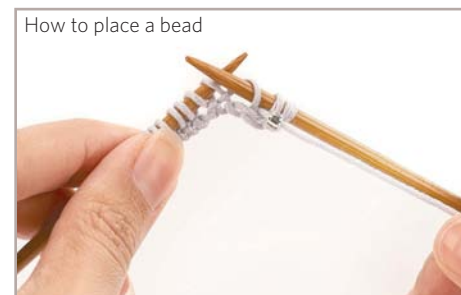
Thread a sewing needle with a short length of sewing cotton and knot it to make a loop. Place the end of your yarn through this loop and fold the end over. Now, slide your beads onto the end of the sewing needle and push them right down onto your yarn.



### Using 3.5mm needles, cast on 34 sts

□ Row 1: k2, (pb, k1) seven times, k to end  
The abbreviation 'pb' means 'place bead'.

Bring the yarn to the front of the work between the needle tips then insert the right needle into the next stitch as if to purl and slip it from the left to right needle. Slide the bead up the yarn so it sits against work, then take



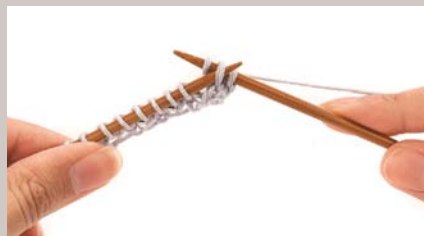
How to place a bead

the yarn back between the needles, leaving the bead sitting in front of the slipped stitch.

- Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: p
- Row 3: k1, skpo, (pb, k1) five times, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k11, k2tog k1. 30 sts

## SKPO

This stands for 'slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over' and is another way to decrease one stitch. Insert the right needle into the next stitch as if to knit and slip it from the left to right needle, then knit the next stitch as normal. Now use the tip of the left needle to lift that slipped stitch over the knitted stitch and off the right needle.



An skpo leans to the left, whereas a k2tog slants the right, so make sure you use the correct one.

- Row 5: k1, skpo, (pb, k1) four times, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k9, k2tog, k1. 26 sts
- Row 7: k1, skpo, (pb, k1) three times, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k7, k2tog, k1. 22 sts
- Row 9: k1, skpo, (pb, k1) twice, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k5, k2tog, k1. 18 sts

- Row 11: k1, skpo, pb, k1, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k3, k2tog, k1. 14 sts
- Row 13: k1, skpo, pb, k2tog, k2, skpo, k1, k2tog, k1. Ten sts
- Row 15: k1, (skpo, k2tog) twice, k1. Six sts
- Row 16: (p3tog) twice. Two sts
- Cut yarn leaving a 20cm tail for sewing up, thread it through the remaining two sts, pull tight and fasten off

## TO MAKE UP

Place the lining fabric flat and, using the knitted pieces as templates, cut out a shape that is 1cm bigger all around. Place the wrong side of the fabric against the wrong side of each knitted piece and fold the edges of fabric under to create a hem. Pin the lining to the knitting, then using a sewing needle and thread, slip stitch them together using small stitches. Starting at the centre and working out toward edges, use a glue gun to carefully stick the lined pieces to the purse frame. Make sure the lining is on the inside of the purse and glue a little bit at a time as the glue will dry very quickly. Once the frame is fitted, sew the sides of the purse together using mattress stitch. Fold the Ears in half with the beaded side facing out, and sew the seam using the yarn tail. Sew the Ears in position and attach the chain to purse loops LK

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## Measurements & Sizes

### Dress size (approx):

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

### To fit bust (cm):

81 (86, 92, 97, 102, 107, 112, 117)

### Bust (cm):

91 (96, 101, 106.5, 111, 116.5, 121, 126.5)

### Length to shoulder (cm):

49 (50, 50.5, 50.5, 51.5, 51.5, 52, 52.5)

## Knit Kit

**Yarn:** (A) Sirdar Cotton Prints DK, shade 355 Summer Meadow, 2 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) 100g balls; (B) Sirdar Cotton DK, shade 518 Dusted Lilac, two 100g balls

**Needles:** 3.5mm straight, 4mm straight, 3.5mm circular

**Stitch markers**

**Stitch holders**

## Tension square

- 22 sts x 28 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 4mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Sirdar Cotton Prints DK** is made using 100% mercerised cotton which give a subtle sheen to the strand and incredible stitch definition. It's self-striping, and ideal for knitting garments and homewares. It has an RRP of £6.69 per 100g (212m) ball.

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## Start knitting here...

### BACK

Using 3.5mm straight needles and yarn A, cast on 100 (106, 111, 117, 122, 128, 133, 139) sts

□ Work four rows in garter st

Change to 4mm needles

□ Beg with a k row, cont in st st until work meas 28 (29, 28.5,

28.5, 27, 27, 27, 26.5) cm, ending after a WS row

□ Cont in st st inc one st at each end of next and foll 10th (10th, 10th,

10th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th, 6th) row 1 (1, 1, 1,

2, 2, 2, 2,) times. 104 (110, 115, 121,

128, 134, 139, 145) sts

□ Cont in st st without shaping until work meas 33 (34, 33.5, 33.5,

33, 33, 33, 32.5) cm, ending after a WS row

□ Dec 1 (1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0) st at centre of last row. 103 (109, 115, 121,

127, 133, 139, 145) sts

Mark last row as top of side seam

(11, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15) sts at beg of next four rows

□ Cast off 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 13, 15,

16) sts at beg of next two rows. 43 (45, 47, 49, 51, 51, 53, 53) sts

□ Cast off

55, 58, 61) sts and place on holder, cast off 21 (21, 21, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts, patt to end

□ Work one row

□ Cast off two sts at beg of next two RS rows

□ Keeping patt correct, dec one st at neck edge of every RS row until 30 (32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 43, 46) sts rem

□ Cont in patt until Front meas same as Back to shoulder, ending after a WS row

### FRONT

□ Work as Back to \*\*\*

□ Cont in lace patt until panel meas 7 (6, 7, 6, 7.5, 6.5, 7, 7.5) cm, ending after a WS row

### Shape neck

□ Next row: patt 41 (44, 47, 50, 52,





(11, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15) sts at beg of next two WS rows

- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off rem 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 13, 15, 16) sts

With WS facing rejoin yarn to rem sts

- ☐ Cast off two sts, patt to end
- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off two sts, patt to end
- ☐ Dec one st at neck edge of every WS row until 30 (32, 34, 36, 38, 41, 43, 46) sts rem
- ☐ Cont in patt until Front meas same as Back to shoulder, ending after a RS row
- ☐ Cast off 10 (11, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15) sts at beg of next two RS rows. 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 13, 15, 16) sts
- ☐ Work one row
- ☐ Cast off

## NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams

- ☐ Using 3.5mm circular needle and yarn B with RS facing, pick up and k 18 (20, 21, 22, 22, 24, 24, 25) sts down left Front, 21 (21, 21, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts across Front, 18 (20, 21, 22, 22, 24, 24, 25) sts up right Front and 43 (45, 47, 49, 51, 51, 53, 53) sts across Back, pm for beg of rnd
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Next rnd: k
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Cast off

## ARMHOLE EDGING

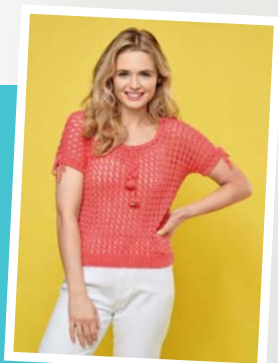
Join side seams to marker

- ☐ Using 3.5mm circular needle and yarn B with RS facing, pick up and k 88 (92, 96, 96, 100, 100, 102, 106) sts, pm for beg of rnd
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Next rnd: k
- ☐ Next rnd: p
- ☐ Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

Join side seams. Weave in ends **LK**

*Lovely detailing!*

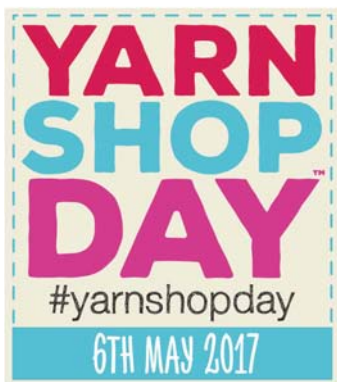


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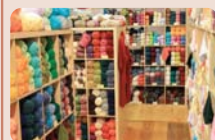
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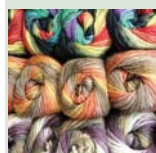
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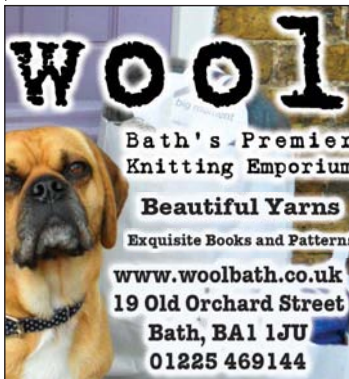
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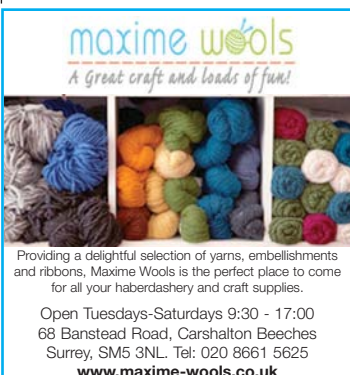
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# Hen *friends*

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**L**ast summer we told you how popular mandalas had become in the world of crochet, and we love this quirky take on a classic design. They mainly use a mixture of double and half treble crochet stitches so are relatively straightforward to make, just take a look at our Crochet Clever panel (overleaf) to get the best finish when changing colour.



## Measurements & Sizes

8cm diameter

## Crochet Kit

**Yarn:** Drops Safran, shades (A) 18 Off White, (B) 10 Yellow, (C) 11 Strong Yellow, (D) 12 Peach, (E) 15 Dark Heather, (F) 50 Ice Blue, (G) 23 Brown, small amounts of each

**Hook:** 3mm

## Tension Square

● 24dc = 10cm

## Special Abbreviations

**htr cluster:** yoh, insert hook in next st, pull yarn through st, yoh, insert hook in same st, pull yarn through st, yoh, pull through all five loops on hook

**picot:** 3ch, 1 htr in first ch

For abbreviations see page 92

## About the Yarn

**Drops Safran** is a pure cotton yarn that is close to a 4ply in tension. The yarn comes in 50g balls, but each chicken weighs just 6g so you only need a small amount of each shade. It costs £1.15 per 50g ball from 0800 505 3300, [www.woolwarehouse.co.uk](http://www.woolwarehouse.co.uk)

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## Crochet Clever

To get a neat finish between colour changes, work the last slip stitch of the round with the new colour as follows:

Insert the hook into the first stitch as directed, then using the new shade, take the yarn over the hook and pull it through the stitch on the hook.

Crochet over the top of the cut yarn to secure it, then weave in the remaining ends later on.

## Start to crochet here..

**NOTE:** colour information for pink-edged chicken is given in brackets

Using 3mm hook and yarn A (D) make 4ch, sl st in first dc

**NOTE:** see Crochet Clever for guidance on colour change

□ Rnd 1: 1ch (does not count as st throughout), 6dc in ring, sl st in first dc, joining yarn C (E).

Six sts

□ Rnd 2: 1ch, 2dc each dc to end, sl st in first dc, joining yarn D (F). 12 sts

□ Rnd 3: 2ch (does not count as st), \* htr cluster in next dc, 1ch, htr cluster in same dc, 1ch, miss one dc, rep from \* to end, sl st in first htr, joining yarn A (A)

□ Rnd 4: 1ch, 3dc in each 1-ch sp to end, sl st in first dc, joining yarn E (C). 36 dc

□ Rnd 5: 1ch, 1dc in each dc to end, sl st in first dc, joining yarn B (A)

□ Rnd 6: 1ch, \* 2dc, 2ch, miss one dc, rep from \* to end, sl st in first dc, joining yarn A (B)

□ Rnd 7: 1ch, \* 2dc in next 2-ch sp, 2ch, 2dc in same 2-ch sp, rep from \* to end, sl st in first dc, joining yarn F (D)



## Hanging loop and Head

□ Rnd 8: 1ch, miss two dc, 6dc in first 2-ch sp, \* miss two dc, 1dc in gap between two 2dc groups, 6dc in next 2-ch sp, rep from \* seven times more, miss two dc, 1dc in gap between two 2dc groups, 3dc in next 2-ch sp, 30ch for hanging loop, sl st in first of 30ch, 3dc in same 2-ch sp, fasten off yarn F (D), miss two dc, join yarn A with a sl st in gap between next two 2dc groups, miss (two dc, one ch sp, two dc), 11dtr in gap between next two 2dc groups, miss (two dc, one ch sp, two dc), 1dc in gap between next two 2dc groups

□ Fasten off

## COMB AND BEAK

Join yarn E (E) with a sl st in last dc worked in yarn F (D) on Rnd 8

□ Work 1 picot, \* miss one dtr, 1dc in next dtr, 1 picot, rep from \* once more, miss one dtr, sl st in next dtr, fasten off yarn E, join yarn C with a sl st in next dtr, miss one dtr, (3htr, 1ch, 3htr) in next dtr, miss one dtr, sl st in next dtr

□ Fasten off

## TO MAKEUP

Using yarn G, embroider eye as shown **LK**

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# Turn the TABLES

Keep these pages handy to guide you on your way

## 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 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
<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>y</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/yarn 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>kwise</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	<b>*</b>	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>(O)</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
2	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4	6	8
4.5	7	7
5	8	6
5.5	9	5
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.

"Using the correct size of needles for the yarn weight helps to produce a taut, neat fabric"





## 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.

## Pattern UPDATES

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### LK114 January

#### Craig the Puffin, p16

On the Body and Head, work one more purl row before changing to yarn A.

On the Feet, the seventh row should begin with k3.

On the Beak, purl the first two rows.



### LK115 February

#### Cottontail Cute, p53

This yarn is now only available in 25g balls so the yarn amounts given need to be doubled. You will need: 2 (2, 2, 4) x 25g balls of yarn A, and 4 (6, 6, 8) x 25g balls of yarn B.





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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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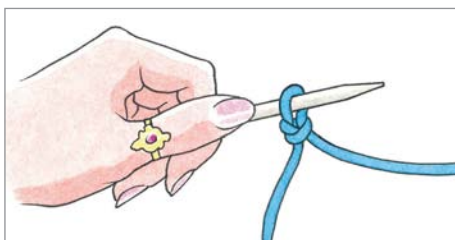
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## MAKING A SLIP KNOT

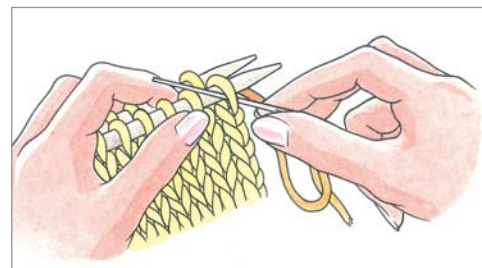


1 Holding the yarn under your left thumb, wrap it twice around your left index and middle fingers, with the second loop closer to the base of the fingers. With the backs of the fingers uppermost, insert the tip of the needle beneath the first loop and over the second, and pull the second loop under the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

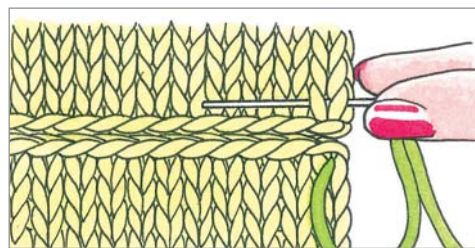


**1** Pin the pieces to be joined, with the right sides together. Thread the loose end of yarn onto a tapestry needle. Start by stitching the two outer edges together, then bring the needle through the two pieces 1cm from back to front ahead of the previous stitch.

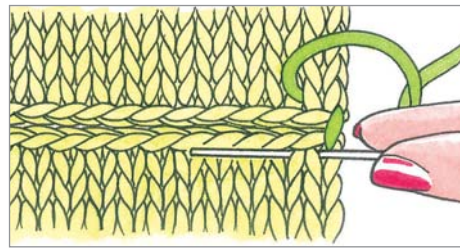


**2** Push the needle back through at the position where the yarn emerged from the previous stitch. Return it to the front of the work, approx 1cm ahead of the stitch just made. Repeat this until the whole join is complete, working in a straight line.

## JOINING CAST OFF EDGES

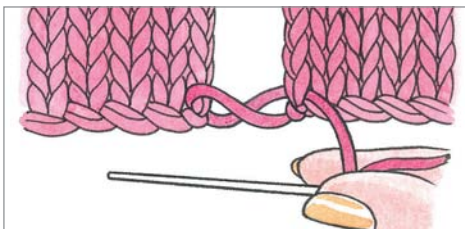


**1** Lay the two pieces to be joined right side up and with the cast off edges touching. Thread a tapestry needle with the loose yarn and push this through the centre of the first stitch, and then in and out through the centres of two stitches on the opposite side.



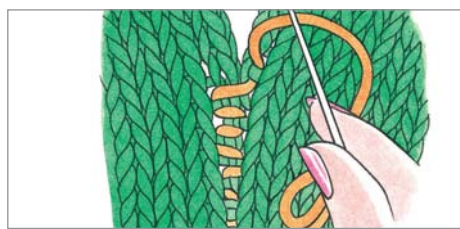
**2** Take the needle over to the first side and insert where it previously exited, bringing it out through the centre of the next stitch. Repeat this process alternating sides and stitching single stitches until the pieces are joined.

## 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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- Next row (RS): k32 (37, 42, 42), k2tog, pm, k69 (78, 87, 96), pm, ssk, k32 (37, 42, 42). 135 (154, 173, 173) sts
- Beg with a p row, work 9 (5, 5, 9) rows in st st
- Next row (RS): k to two sts before marker, k2tog, sm, k69 (78, 87, 96), sm, ssk, k to end
- Rep last 10 (6, 6, 10) rows 2 (5, 8, 2) more times. 129 (142, 155, 167) sts
- Work as for Back from \*\* to \*\*
- Cont in st st without shaping until Front meas 43 (43.5, 44, 44.5) cm along sides, ending after a WS row

### Shape left neck

- Next row (RS): k27 (34, 35, 38), turn. Leave rem sts on holder
- Next row (WS): p1, p2tog, p to end
- Next row: k to last three sts, k2tog, k1
- Rep last two rows once more. 23 (30, 31, 34) sts
- Cont in st st until Left front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a RS row

### Shape left shoulder

- Next row (WS): p16 (20, 20, 22), w&t
- Next row (RS): k to end
- Next row: p8 (10, 10, 11), w&t
- Next row: k to end
- Next row: p to end, working wraps tog with st (see special abbreviations on p14)
- Leave sts on holder

### Shape right neck

- Leave 43 (44, 45, 47) sts on holder at Front neck, rejoin yarn to neck edge
- Next row (RS): k to end. 27 (34, 35, 38) sts
- Next row (WS): p to last three sts, ssp, p1
- Next row: k1, ssk, k to end
- Rep last two rows once more. 23 (30, 31, 34) sts
- Cont in st st until right Front matches Back to shoulder shaping, ending after a WS row

### Shape right shoulder

- Next row (RS): k16 (20, 20, 22), w&t
- Next row (WS): p to end
- Next row: k8 (10, 10, 11), w&t
- Next row: p to end
- Next row: k to end, working wraps tog with st (see p14)
- Leave sts on holder

## SLEEVES

- Using 3.5mm straight needles, cast on 80 (80, 99, 118) sts
- K eight rows
- Commence Lace patt using Chart or written instructions on page 14:
- Next row (RS): work Row 1 of Lace patt working 19-st patt rep 4 (4, 5, 6) times
- Next row (WS): work Row 2 of Lace patt working 19-st patt rep 4 (4, 5, 6) times
- Cont as set until all 14 rows of Lace patt have been worked twice in total
- Beg with a k row, work in st st
- Commence Sleeve shaping as folls:
- Next row: k2, m1, k to last two sts, m1, k2
- Beg with a p row, work 5 (3, 5, 9) rows in st st
- Rep last 6 (4, 6, 10) rows 6 (11, 7, 1) times more. 94 (104, 115, 122) sts
- Cont in st st until Sleeve meas 34 (35, 35.5, 36.5)cm, ending after a WS row

### Shape sleeve cap

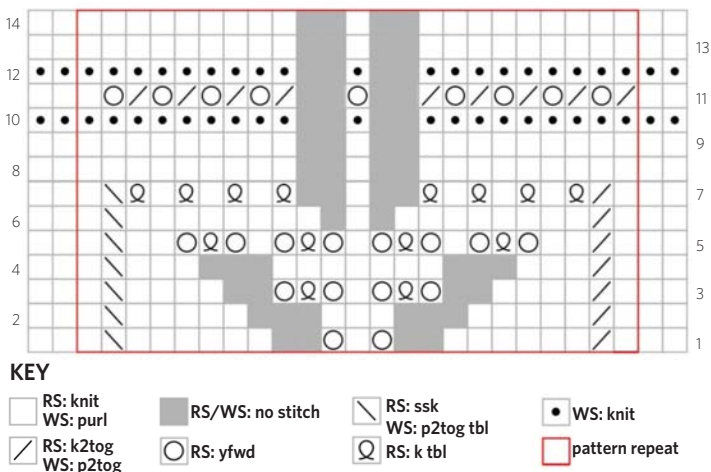
- Cast off 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next two rows. 82 (90, 99, 104) sts
- Next row (RS): k2, ssk, k to last two sts, k2tog, k2
- Row 2 (WS): p to end
- Rep last two rows 11 (12, 15, 15) times more. 58 (64, 67, 72) sts
- Next row (RS): k2, ssk, k to last four sts, k2tog, k2
- Next row (WS): p2, p2tog, p to last four sts, ssp, p2
- Rep last two rows 4 (4, 3, 4) times more. 38 (44, 51, 52) sts
- Cast off 4 (5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next four rows. 22 (24, 27, 28) sts
- Cast off

## TO MAKE UP

- Block pieces to measurements.
- Set in sleeves. Sew side and underarm seams

## NECKBAND

- Using 3.5mm circular needle, with RS facing and beg at left shoulder, pick up and k 44 (47, 50, 52) sts to Front neck, k43 (44, 45, 47) from Front neck holder, pick up and k 44 (47, 50, 52) sts to right shoulder, five sts to Back neck, k 47 (48, 49, 51) from Back neck holder, pick up and k five sts to left shoulder, join in the rnd, pm for beg of rnd. 188 (196, 204, 212) sts
- Rnd 1: p to end
- Rnd 2: k to end
- Rep last two rnds twice more
- Cast off pwise
- Weave in all loose ends **LK**





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# LAST WORD...

We speak to modern knitwear designer Andrea Mowry about her work



## *“I couldn’t do without shawls! They are my go-to comfort knit.”*

**A**merican designer **Andrea Mowry is the face of contemporary knitwear. Influenced by the works of Elizabeth Zimmerman, she designs her own accessories and garments to suit the modern wardrobe. She specialises in fun and easy-to-wear styles, with clear instructions for every level of knitter. She’s a strong believer in enjoying every stitch and wearing at least one hand knit every day. Her goal is to leave knitters feeling empowered and inspired, and wrapped up in their own beautiful knits. We got the lowdown on everything from her favourite accessories to her top knitting tips!**

Inspiration is everywhere! But if I was forced to choose what inspires me most, I would have to say it tends to be the yarn itself. Its colour, texture and spin tells me what it wants to be.

My favourite aspect of knitting is getting creative. Every day I watch my hands in wonder as they manipulate yarn and needles to create different fabrics. The possibilities are absolutely endless!

My knitting hero is Elizabeth Zimmerman! I discovered her books at the end of my teen years and found them to be so empowering. Thanks to her, it didn’t occur to me that I couldn’t write my own patterns!

I have two yarn weights that I reach for most. They are single ply and worsted weight yarns. I like to think of them as opposites, but together they fill most of my knitting needs!

My favourite project changes each time I complete a new design. My current favourite would have to be

my Find Your Fade shawl (right). I knitted it at a time that I really needed a creative boost in my life, and I hope that it inspires creativity in others!

My favourite place to knit is in a coffee shop. I love getting lost in my stitches with the noisy chatter of other cafe-goers surrounding me as I sip on a delicious cup of coffee! That being said - I am never without my knitting, and often find little moments everywhere I go to sneak in a stitch or two!

I couldn’t do without shawls! They are my go-to comfort knit. Whenever I need to feel inspired or relaxed, I cast on a new shawl. They are also my most worn handknit, I wear one pretty much every day!

I truly love every aspect of knitting. Even the swatching and seaming doesn’t put me off!

Before I began designing, I was a pastry chef. After leaving my life in this field to start a family, my hands found the necessary freedom to begin creating with fibre instead of flour, but being in the kitchen is always a close second to knitting.

My top tip for new knitters is simply to smile. Remember that it’s meant to be fun! You can always unravel it if you make a mistake, so just go for it! Oh, and use a row counter – they will make your life so much easier.



Spring accessories



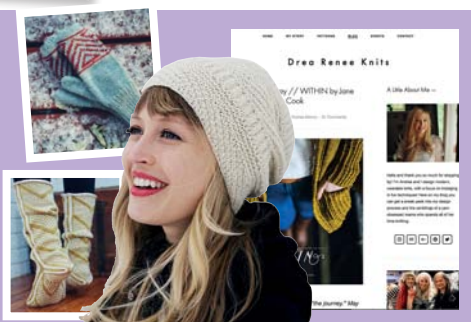
Find Your Fade shawl



Cute headwear

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- Rows 3-5: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 6: k5, (k2tog) twice, k to end. 12 sts
- Rows 7-12: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 13: (p2tog) to end. Six sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

#### TAIL

- Using 3.25mm needles and a contrasting shade, cast on six sts
- Beg with a p row, work five rows in st st
  - Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

#### EARS (make two)

- Using 3.25mm needles and a contrasting shade, cast on eight sts
- Rows 1-3: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Row 4: k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts
  - Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

#### TO MAKE UP

Sew running stitch around cast-on

edge of each Front leg and pull to gather. Sew each leg seam, stuffing as you go. Using fasten-off yarn end, sew body seam, stuffing as you go. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of each Back leg, pull to gather. Seam leg, stuffing as you go. Attach Back legs to body so the pup is sitting or standing, as you prefer. Sew Head seam half way. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge of Head and pull to gather. Stuff Head and close seam. Sew running stitch around face over eyeline row and gently pull to shape. Attach Head with seam facing down. Sew seams of Ears and Tail and attach them to body with seam facing down. Using oddment of Dark Brown DK embroider French knots for eyes (see Knitwise) and sew small straight stitches for nose

#### BALL

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn E, cast on 12 sts loosely
- Row 1 (RS): (kfb) to end. 24 sts
  - Rows 2-5: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Change to yarn C

- Rows 6-7: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Change to yarn D
- Rows 8-12: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Row 13: (k2tog) to end. 12 sts
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off
- Sew side seam half way, matching colours. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge, pull to gather. Stuff and close seam

#### CUSHION

- Using 3.25mm needles and yarn D, cast on ten sts
- Row 1 and all WS rows: p
  - Row 2: (kfb) to end. 20 sts
  - 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
  - Row 12: (k5, kfb) to end. 70 sts
  - Rows 13-15: beg with a p row, work in st st
  - Row 16: (k5, k2tog) to end. 60 sts
  - Change to yarn C
  - Row 17: p
  - Row 18: (k4, k2tog) to end. 50 sts
  - Change to yarn E
  - Row 19 and all WS rows: p

- Row 20: (k3, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
- Row 22: (k2, k2tog) to end. 30 sts
- Row 24: (k1, k2tog) to end. 20 sts
- Row 26: (k2tog) to end. Ten sts
- Row 27: p
- Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

#### TO MAKE UP

Sew seam half way, matching colours. Sew running stitch around cast-on edge, pull to gather. Stuff and close seam. Using yarn E, insert tapestry needle through centre base and bring it out at top. Take back to the base and pull to create a dent. Weave in ends **LK**



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Puppies: 10cm tall

Knit Kit

**Yarn:** DK, shades (A) Copper Brown, (B) Biscuit Brown, (C) Bone White, one 20g ball of each, (D) Playtime Pink, one 15g ball, (E) Barking Blue, one 5g ball, FREE with this issue of Let's Knit

**You'll also need:**

**Yarn:** oddment of Dark Brown DK

**Needles:** 3.25mm

**Safety toy stuffing**

**Stitch holder**

**Tapestry needle**

Tension Square

- 25 sts x 30 rows
- 10cm x 10cm
- Stocking stitch
- 3.25mm needles

For abbreviations see page 92 of main magazine

About the Yarn

This yarn is exclusively made for Let's Knit. It is 100% acrylic and we suggest hand-washing to preserve your knits. Extra packs cost just £6.99 for two from **0800 923 3007**, [www.letsknit.co.uk/playtimepups](http://www.letsknit.co.uk/playtimepups)

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# Knit our Playful Pups with your FREE YARN KIT

Make our charming trio with your FREE yarn kit!

**W**e love this mischievous crew! It's not just their cute toys and cheeky expression, but the fact that they're actually pretty straightforward to knit and all three can be made with your free yarn kit. If you're giving these toys to really young children, just make sure everything is sewn together really securely.

Start knitting here...

**NOTE:** work three pups, each using yarn A, B or C as main shade

HEAD

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on seven sts

- ☐ Row 1 and all WS rows: p
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 4: (k1, kfb) to end. 21 sts
- ☐ Row 6: (k2, kfb) to end. 28 sts
- ☐ Rows 7-13: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 14 (eyeline): k7, (k2tog) seven times, k7. 21 sts
- ☐ Rows 15-16: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 17: (p2, p2tog) to last st, p1. 16 sts
- ☐ Row 18: k
- ☐ Row 19: (p2, p2tog) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

FRONT LEGS AND BODY

**NOTE:** worked in one piece

Right leg

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on six sts

- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 12 sts
- ☐ Rows 3-5: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 6: k3, (k2tog) twice, k5. Ten sts
- ☐ Rows 7-15: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Cut yarn, leave sts on a holder

Left leg

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on six sts

- ☐ Rows 1-5: work as for Right leg. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 6: k5, (k2tog) twice, k3. Ten sts

- ☐ Rows 7-15: beg with a p row, work in st st
- Do not cut yarn
- ☐ Row 16 (join legs): k2tog, k8, cast on two sts, working from holder: k8, k2tog. 20 sts

Body

- ☐ Row 17: p2tog, p to last two sts, p2tog. 18 sts
- ☐ Row 18: k2tog, k to last two sts, k2tog. 16 sts
- ☐ Rows 19-20: rep Rows 17-18. 12 sts
- ☐ Row 21: as Row 17. Ten sts
- ☐ Row 22: k
- ☐ Row 23: cast on four sts, p to end. 14 sts
- ☐ Row 24: cast on four sts, k to end. 18 sts
- ☐ Row 25: p
- ☐ Row 26: kfb, k to last st, kfb. 20 sts
- ☐ Row 27: p
- ☐ Row 28: k2, (kfb, k2) to end. 26 sts
- ☐ Rows 29-31: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 32: k2, (kfb, k2) to end. 34 sts
- ☐ Rows 33-37: beg with a p row, work in st st
- ☐ Row 38: k2, (k2tog, k2) to end. 26 sts
- ☐ Row 39: p
- ☐ Row 40: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 17 sts
- ☐ Row 41: p
- ☐ Row 42: k2tog, (k1, k2tog) to end. 11 sts
- ☐ Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off

BACK LEGS (make two)

- Using 3.25mm needles, cast on seven sts
- ☐ Row 1 (WS): p
- ☐ Row 2: (kfb) to end. 14 sts

knitwise

French knots are neat embroidery stitches that make good eyes for toys. Here's how you do them:  
Step 1: Bring the yarn out through the fabric from back to front.



Step 2: Tensioning the yarn in your left hand, wrap the needle around the yarn from back to front - the more wraps, the larger the knot.



Step 3: Still holding the yarn tightly with your left hand, insert the needle back into the fabric and pull the yarn through, releasing your left hand at the last minute.



Finished knot.



"Try not to overstuff your toys or the stuffing will show through the fabric."  
LK Deputy Editor **Adrienne Chandler**

