

# COMMITTO KNIT START CRAFTING FOR CHARITY TODAY!



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**COMMIT TO KNIT** 



elcome to this special supplement to celebrate Commit To Knit month this June, an event organised by UK Hand Knitting (UKHK).

We know that many of you are interested in using your craft to benefit charities across the country – it's one of the main reasons for visits to the UKHK website - so we're always keen

to find ways to help you. UKHK first launched Commit To Knit last autumn and so many people signed up that we decided to make this an annual event.

The idea is simple – we're asking you to Commit To Knit (or crochet) just one item for charity during June. To help you with this, we've put together a collection of patterns in our members' yarns to offer some inspiration, and given information about a charity that the item is suitable for. From hats that keep premature babies warm to catnip toys that will make rescue cats happy, there's a project to suit every knitter and crocheter. All of these charities also need financial help so please consider making a donation to them if you can.

You can sign up to Commit To Knit by visiting www.eepurl.com/bwwQ\_P. This is also a good way for UKHK to keep in touch with you and pass on information about any events that we think may interest you. If you do decide to take part, why not use our patterns as part of the World Wide Knit In Public Day celebrations (www.wwkipday.com) on Saturday 18 June?

Whether you knit one egg cosy, or get together with your knitting group to create a whole blanket, we think you are wonderful. Thank you!

Russell Morris UKHK















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COMMIT TO KNIT TWIDDLEMUFF





# WHAT IS UKHK?

Find out how this organisation can help you get more from your knitting and crocheting.

K Hand Knitting (UKHK) is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting hand knitting and associated yarn crafts. It has developed a nationwide network of volunteers, who pass on their skills to encourage newcomers to learn to knit or crochet at craft shows and other events across the UK.

The UKHK board members are major distributors of yarn and related products in the UK – James C Brett, Rico Design, Coats Crafts, Designer Yarns, Groves, King Cole, Sirdar, Norland, Thomas B Ramsden and Stylecraft.

The UKHK website (www.ukhandknitting.com) is a fantastic resource for knitters and crocheters, featuring how-to videos, information on knitting and crocheting workshops across the UK, the latest news, a directory of yarn shops and lots more.

It also features a comprehensive list of over 550 knitting groups in the UK, which can be searched by region to find the ones closest to you.

UKHK members create special patterns for you to buy, the sale of which go towards funding UKHK activities such as its 'learn to knit' stands at yarn shows. These are available from the website and shops around the country.

If this booklet inspires you to take up your pins and hooks to do more charity crafting, you'll find a special Commit to Knit section on the UKHK website with information on other organisations that are currently accepting donations, plus more free patterns to help you get involved.





# BUTTONS & BOWS

This textured hand muff is an ingenious item to help those with dementia. By King Cole.



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**TWIDDLEMUFF TWIDDLEMUFF** 

# YOU WILL NEED

■ King Cole, Fashion Aran (70% acrylic, 30% wool. 100q/200m) 1 ball of:

Yarn A Red (009)

■ King Cole, Moments (100% polyester, 50g/90m) 1 ball of each: **Yarn B** Red (478)

**Yarn C** Yellow (1610)

- ■A pair of 5mm needles
- Assorted buttons
- Ribbon or cord For yarn stockists contact King Cole 01756 703670 www.kingcole.com

# **TENSION**

Tension is not critical for this project

# **MEASUREMENTS**

30cm (12in) diameter and 30cm (12in) circumference

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

MB Make Bobble: K1, P1, K1 into next st, turn, K3, turn, P3, turn, K3, turn, slip 2nd and then 3rd bobble st over the 1st on left-hand needle, k1tbl

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widdlemuffs are double thickness handmuffs that are given to those with dementia to provide a stimulation activity for restless hands. Red and yellow are the colours that people with dementia find easiest to see, and the buttons. ribbons and bobbles are designed to be calming as well as creating interesting textures both inside and outside the muff.



(K) TWIDDLEMUFF

and C.

Cast on 54 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn Work 4 rows in garter st. Change to Yarns B and C held together. Work 4 rows in garter st. Change to Yarn A. Work 8 rows in st st. Change to Yarns B

Work 6 rows in garter st. Change to Yarn A. Cont in st st until work measures 18cm.

Next row (K4, k2tog, yo) 10 times, K4. Cont in st st until work measures 27cm.

Change to Yarns B and C. Work 6 rows in a st. Change to Yarn A. Work 4 rows in garter st. Mark end of last row with scrap yarn. Work 4 rows in garter st. Work 8 rows in st st. Change to Yarns B and C. Work 12 rows in g st. Change to Yarn A. Work 8 rows in st st.

Next row K6, (MB, K7) to end. Work 3 rows in st st. Next row K10, (MB, K7) 4 times, MB, K to end. Work 3 rows in st st.



Rep last 8 rows. Work 6 more rows in st st. Work in g st until the

second half equals first to marker.

Cast off.

# TO MAKE UP

Sew a selection of buttons randomly across the stocking stitch sections. Sew the twiddlemuff into a tube along the long edges. Tuck the lining into the tube using the marked row as a fold line. Secure the folded edge with a line of running stitches. Stitch the cast-off and cast-on edges together at the other end to secure the lining in place. Run ribbon or cords through the eyelets.



Get creative with textures! Knitted bobbles and soft fur yarn are used on this twiddlemuff to create different raised effects.

# WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

Knit for Peace is an initiative of the Charities Advisory Trust that matches knitters with good causes. Its distribution service is a much-needed resource to help knitters support projects both overseas and in the UK, and sends out knitted items to more than 80 outlets including hospitals, women's refuges, refugee drop-in centres, prisons, community groups and hospices. Knit for Peace is currently looking for adult and children's clothing, baby teddies, bed socks, scarves and adult hats, plus specialist items such as the twiddlemuffs featured here, which the charity distributes via the NHS to patients in hospitals. As well as knitted items, the charity also takes donations of yarn, equipment and money to sustain the work it does. For more information on how you can use your skills for the charity, visit www.knitforpeace.org.uk, where you'll also find lots of free patterns to help you complete the required items.

**EGG COSY EGG COSY** 



# FGG-CFI FNT II

You'll want to knit a whole set of these funky Patons egg cosies, topped with oh-so-cute pompoms!



# YOU WILL NEED

- Patons, Wool DK (100% wool, 50q/125m) 1 ball of each: Beach Blue (165) Passion Fruit (121) Pink (137) Natural (102) Black (199)
- A pair of 3½mm needles For yarn stockists contact Coats Crafts 01484 681881 www. makeitcoats.com

# **TENSION**

Tension is not critical for this project

# **MEASUREMENTS**

14cm (5½in) diameter and 6cm (2in) high

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

For a full list see page 31

ave a go at knitting from a chart to make this sweet little zig-zag stripe egg cosy, and enjoy mixing and matching yarn shades to create your own unique colour combinations.

W.

# **(K)** EGG COSY

Cast on 37 sts using 31/2mm needles and Yarn A.

Row 1 K1, \*P1, K1; rep from \* to end of row. Row 2 P1, \*K1, P1; rep from \* to end of row.

Now continue in st st, working rows 1–13 of Chart.

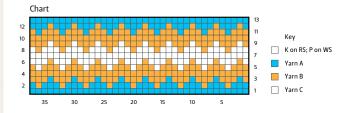
SHAPING THE TOP In Yarn A, \*P1, p2toq; rep from \* to last st, P1. [25 sts] Knit the next row. Next row \*P1, p2tog; rep from \* to last st, P1. [13 sts] Next row K2tog, rep to

Thread yarn through rem sts and pull tight. Sew in the ends and make a pompom for the top of the cosy.

last st, K1. [7 sts]

## HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

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



## WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

Oxfam is always looking for items to sell in its shops or at the many festivals it attends. The charity works around the world to alleviate poverty and create societies where empowered individuals can thrive. Take your cosies to your local Oxfam shop – find it at www.oxfam.org.uk.



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CAT TOY CAT TOY



# PURREFCT PRESENT

Make a rescue cat's day by knitting it an adorable catnip mouse. By Wendy.

Wendy

# YOU WILL NEED

■ Wendy, Merino Chunky (100% wool, 50g/65m)

1 ball of each:

**Yarn A** Pumice (2472) **Yarn B** Cloud (2470)

- A pair of 5mm needles
- Oddment of black embroidery thread
- Stuffing
- Catnip (optional)
  For yarn stockists
  contact TB Ramsden
  01943 872264
  www.tbramsden.co.uk

# **TENSION**

16 sts and 24 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st on 5mm needles

# **MEASUREMENTS**

7.5cm (3in) length from nose to tail

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

For a full list see page 31

or cats awaiting their 'furrever' homes in rescue centres, it can be a long, dull time. A gift of this catnip mouse will make the wait a lot more fun!



(K) BODY

**Cast on** 9 sts using 5mm needles and Yarn A.

**Row 1** Kfb in every st. [18 sts]

Row 2 Purl.

**Row 3** Kfb in every st. [36 sts]

Rows 4–12 Work in st st, beg with a P row.

**Row 13** (K4, k2tog) to end. [30 sts]

Row 14 Purl.

**Row 15** (K3, k2tog) to end. [24 sts]

Row 16 Purl.

**Row 17** (K2, k2tog) to end. [18 sts]

Row 18 Purl.

**Row 19** (K1, k2tog) to end. [12 sts]

Row 20 Purl.

**Row 21** K2tog to end. [6 sts]

Row 22 Purl.

Row 23 K2tog to end. [3 sts]

This is the nose/head end.

Break yarn leaving a long end. Use this end to thread through the



Cats will love playing with the mouse's curly knitted tail!



Use black thread to embroider dots for the nose and eyes.

remaining 3 sts then pull up tight and fasten off. Stitch side seam. Stuff mouse lightly, place a small amount of catnip in the centre of the stuffing if required. Use a running stitch around the base and pull up tight to fasten off.

EARS (MAKE 2 IN YARN A AND 2 IN YARN B)

Cast on 4 sts. Row 1 and every alt row Purl. Row 2 K1, (M1, K1) to end. [7 sts]
Row 4 K1, M1, K5, M1,
K1. [9 sts]
Rows 5–7 Work in st st,
beg with a K row.
Row 8 K2togtbl, K5,
k2tog. [7 sts]
Row 9 K2togtbl, K3,
k2tog. [5 sts]
Row 12 K2togtbl, k3tog
then pass 1st stitch
over 2nd stitch and
fasten off.

With WS together, overstitch a main and contrast coloured ear together and sew in place on head. Repeat for other ear.

# TAIL

Cast on 30 sts using Yarn A. Cast off. Stitch in place on body.

# FINISHING

Embroider eyes and nose and weave in ends.



Catnip will help make this toy irresistible! Add a little bit to the stuffing before you place it in the mouse's body.

# WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

The RSPCA is the UK's leading animal welfare charity and each year it rehomes thousands of animals, including cats. Your local RSPCA centre will be happy to accept your donation of this knitted mouse, and they're also often in need of knitted or crocheted blankets for cats and dogs in their care. Head to www.rspca. org.uk to find your nearest rescue centre and contact them to find out more about how you can help.



# RAINBOW BRIGHT

A colourful blanket will be a wonderful comfort for ill and traumatised children. By **Stylecraft**.



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# YOU WILL NEED

- Stylecraft, Life DK (75% acrylic, 25% wool, 100g/298m) 1 ball of each: Cascade (2308) Zing (2356) Pebble (2327) Mint (2342) Clover (2358) Stone Nepp (2324) Aqua (2357) Melon (2359) Fern (2311) Lily (2417) Copper (2312) Daffodil (2394)
- A 4mm (US G/6) hook For yarn stockists contact Stylecraft 01535 609798 www. stylecraft-yarns.co.uk

## **TENSION**

9x9cm (3½x3½in) square on 4mm hook

## **MEASUREMENTS**

The finished blanket measures 84x114cm (33x45in)

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

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ho can fail to smile when they see this cheery design? It would be a great project to make with a group, with each of you contributing a few squares to the finished blanket.



# ARRANGING THE SQUARES

The throw is made up of 108 squares, arranged in a rectangle 9 squares wide by 12 squares long. Each square uses 2 colours (A and B), picked at random from the list of 12 colours. Refer to the photograph for more layout details.

## YARN ENDS

When changing colour, leave a long end to either work over to neaten or to sew in later.

# BASIC SQUARE Using Yarn A, ch5, sl st

Using Yarn A, ch5, sl st into first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as first tr), 4tr into ring, ch3, \*5tr into ring, ch3; rep from \* twice more, sl st into 2nd of ch2 to join. [20 tr]

Round 2 Ch2 (counts as first tr), 1tr into each of next 4 sts, (1tr, ch3, 1tr)

all into corner ch sp, \*1tr into each of next 5 sts, (1tr, ch3, 1tr) all into corner ch sp; rep from \* twice more, sl st into 2nd of ch2 to join. [28 tr] Cut off yarn, pull through last loop and fasten off.

Round 3 Attach Yarn B into any corner sp, ch5 (counts as first tr and ch 3 sp), 1tr into same corner sp, 1tr into each of next 7 sts, \*(1tr, ch3, 1tr) all into corner sp, 1tr into each of next 7 sts; rep from \* twice more, sl st into 2nd of ch5 to join. [36 tr]

Round 4 Ch2 (counts as first tr), (1tr, ch3, 1tr) all into corner sp, \*1tr into each of next 9 sts, (1tr, ch3, 1tr) all into next corner sp; rep from \* twice more, finish with 1tr into each of last 8 sts, sl st into 2nd of ch2 to join. [44 tr] Sew in all yarn ends neatly.

## **JOINING SQUARES**

The squares are joined together along each edge. Place the squares 9 squares wide by 12 squares long on a table or bed, and arrange until you are happy with the order. Sew or crochet the

edges together.

## BORDER

With RS facing, attach any colour yarn into any corner sp and work as follows:

Round 1 Ch2 (counts as first tr), (1tr, ch3, 2tr) all into same corner sp, 1tr into each of next 11 sts. \*1tr into corner sp. 1tr into join, 1tr into corner sp of next square, 1tr into each of next 11 sts: rep from \* to next corner sp, (2tr, ch3, 2tr) all into corner sp. Continue in the same way along the remaining 3 sides, omitting last corner group, sl st into 2nd of ch2 to join. Cut yarn, pull through last loop and fasten off. With RS facing, attach any colour yarn into any corner sp and work as follows:

Round 2 Ch2 (counts as first tr), (1tr, ch3, 2tr) all into same corner sp, 1tr into each tr to next corner sp, \*(2tr, ch3, 2tr) all into corner sp, 1tr into each tr to next corner sp. Rep from \* twice more, sl st into 2nd of ch2 to join. Cut yarn, pull through last loop and fasten off. Round 3 As round 2, using any colour yarn. Cut yarn, pull through last loop and fasten off.

# TO FINISH

Sew in all yarn ends neatly. Pin out the blanket to the measurements given. Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave to dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.



Work a stripy border around the blanket to finish it off.



Choose the yarns at random to create a bright, colourful look.

## WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

Send your completed blanket to Project Linus UK, a volunteer organisation that provides a sense of security and comfort to sick and traumatised babies, children and teenagers through the provision of new and homemade knitted, crocheted or patchwork blankets. Project Linus began in the US in 1995 and came to the UK in 2000, where it now has a large network of volunteers and has donated over 260,000 quilts and blankets. Project Linus's volunteers deliver about 2,000 items across the UK each month, providing tangible evidence that someone cares along with the physical reassurance that comes with being snuggled up in a blanket. The charity aims to deliver

items to children who are local to the makers. Head to www. projectlinusuk.org.uk for information on how you can help.

Project Linus

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# FLORALFRENZY

Hook this flower by James C Brett to support children with ME and chronic fatigue syndrome.

James 6. Brett

# YOU WILL NEED

James C Brett.

- Cotton On (50% acrylic, 50% cotton, 50g/145m)
  1 ball of each:
  Yarn A Pink (08)
  Yarn B Variegated
  Green (20)
- ■3mm crochet hook
- 20cm of 1mm craft wire

For yarn stockists contact James C Brett 01274 565959 www. jamescbrett.co.uk

# **TENSION**

Tension is not critical for this project

MEASUREMENTS 14cm high

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

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pringtime can be enjoyed all year round when you crochet one of these fabulous pink tulips!



PETALS (MAKE 5)
Using Yarn A, ch4.

Row 1 Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 3dc.

Row 2 1ch, 2dc in 1st dc, 1dc in next dc, 2dc in third dc. [5 sts] Row 3 2ch, 1 htr in each

dc. **Rows 4 & 5** 2ch, 1 htr in

**Rows 4 & 5** 2ch, 1 htr in each htr.

Row 6 1ch, 1dc in 1st htr, 1htr in next htr, 2tr in next htr, 1htr in next htr, 1 dc in next htr. Fasten off and weave in ends.

LEAVES (MAKE 2)

Using Yarn B, ch20. **Row 1** Beg in 2nd chain from hook, work as folls down chain: 4dc, 3htr, 4tr, 2htr, 3dc, 2ss, 3ss in last ch.

Turn work and work along the other side of

ch as follows: 2ss, 3dc, 2htr, 4tr, 3htr, 4dc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

## STFM

Using Yarn B, ch26.

Row 1 Beg in 2nd ch from hook, 25dc.

Rows 2–5 1ch, work 1dc in each dc.

Fasten off

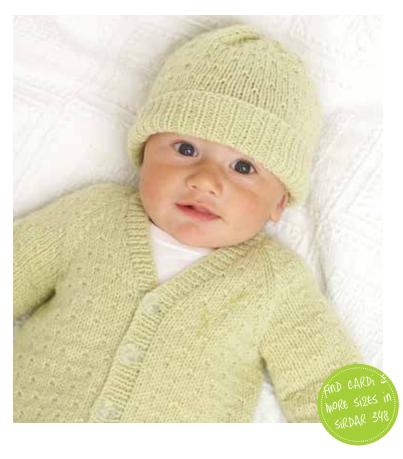
## TO MAKE UP

Fold and trim wire to make a core for the stem. Roll stem around core and stitch the edge in place up the back of the stem. Stitch the leaves to the base of the stem. Overlap petals and stitch the edges to the next petal about halfway up, to form a cup with a small space at the base. The gap should just allow the stem through. Push the top of the stem into the flower and stitch the petals in place on the inside. Pull petals and leaves into shape.

# WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

In 2015, a group of 20 mothers launched a campaign called Knit a Tulip for ME. They called themselves the AYME Mums, as their children are all members of the Association of Young People with ME (AYME) and their aim was to knit 25,000 tulips, one for each of the children thought to be affected by the condition in the UK. This year the AYME Mums are continuing to fundraise for AYME and other ME charities. Visit www.justgiving.com/Knitatulip.

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# SNUGGLE IN STYLE

Welcome a tiny little one with this prettily patterned hat. By **Sirdar**.

**SIRDAR** 

# YOU WILL NEED

- Sirdar, Snuggly DK (55% nylon, 45% acrylic, 50g/165m)1 ball of Wobble (403)
- ■A pair of 4mm needles
- A pair of 3¼mm needles For yarn stockists contact Sirdar 01924 231682 www.sirdar.co.uk

## TENSION

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

# **MEASUREMENTS**

22.5 (26)cm actual hat circumference – to fit babies born 27-31 (32-34) weeks

### ARREVIATIONS

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or those babies who make an appearance early, this teeny hat will help keep them toasty.



(K) HAT

Cast on 49 (57) sts using 3½mm needles.

Row 1 K1, (P1, K1) to end.

Row 2 P1, (K1, P1) to end.

Rep rows 1 & 2, 6 times.

Next row P7, p2tog, (P6 (8), p2tog) 4 times, P8.

[44 (52) sts]

Change to 4mm needles. **Row 1** Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

**Row 3** K2, P1, (K3, P1) to last st, K1.

Row 4 Purl.

**Rows 5 & 6** As rows 1 & 2. **Row 7** K4, P1, (K3, P1) to last 3 sts. K3.

Row 8 Purl.

Rep rows 1–8 until Hat measures 9cm, ending with a WS row.

SHAPE CROWN Row 1 Patt 4 (5).

patt2tog, (patt 4 (5), patt2tog) 6 times, patt 2 (3). [37 (45) sts]

Row 2 and all alt rows. Purl.

Row 3 Patt 3 (4), patt2tog, (patt 3 (4), patt2tog) 6 times, patt 2 (3). [30 (38) sts] Row 5 Patt 2 (3), patt2tog, (patt 2 (3), patt2tog) 6 times, patt 2 (3). [23 (31) sts] Row 7 Patt 1 (2), patt2tog, (patt 1 (2), patt2tog) 6 times, patt 2 (3). [16 (24) sts]

Row 9 Patt 0 (1), (patt2tog) 8 (1) times, (patt 0 (1), patt2tog) 0 (6) times, patt 0 (3). [8 (17) sts]

Row 10 Patt 0 (1), (patt2tog) 0 (8) times. [8 (9)] sts. Cut yarn, draw through rem sts and fasten off.

TO MAKE UP Sew in ends and join back seam, reversing sewing for turn up

rib. 🇶

# WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

Bonnie Babies sends premature clothes and blankets to more than 150 UK special care baby units, helping hospital staff dress tiny arrivals and giving a message of support to parents. The charity welcomes items that are knitted, crocheted or sewn, and its goal for the first half of 2016 is to send out 3,000 blankets and 3,000 cardigans. For more information about how you can get involved, visit www.bonniebabies.co.uk. There are also lots of patterns available on the website, including sweaters, cardigans, bunting and teddy bears.

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# KFFPING COS

This toasty hat by Rico Design is sure to help the recipient stay warm on a cold night.



# YOU WILL NEED

- Rico Design, Essentials Merino DK, (100% wool, 50q/120m) 2 balls of Burgundy (009)
- A pair of 3¼mm needles
- ■A pair of 4mm needles
- A cable needle For yarn stockists contact your local Rico Design retailer or online stockist

# **TENSION**

27 sts and 31 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over pattern on 4mm needles

**MEASUREMENTS** 53cm (21in) diameter

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

C10B slip 5 sts onto cn, hold at back of work. K5 from left-hand needle, K5 from cn C6B slip 3 sts onto cn, hold at back of work, K3 from left-hand needle. K3 from cn

For a full list see page 31

are always items of clothing when it's chilly, and Rico's unisex design has a ribbed brim to make it extra snug. The cables create a lovely texture, and once you've mastered the cabling pattern the hat will knit up quickly. Finish with a jaunty pompom!



Cast on 142 sts using

314mm needles and

# (K) CABLE HAT

thumb method. Row 1 \*K2, P2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, K2. Row 2 \*P2, K2; rep from \* to last 2 sts. P2. These 2 rows will now be referred to as 2x2 rib. Cont in 2x2 rib until work measures 9cm, ending with a RS row. **Next row** P to end inc 3 sts evenly across row. [145 sts]

Change to 4mm needles and work as follows: **Row 1** \*P6, K10; rep from \* to last st, P1. **Row 2** K1, \*P10, K6; rep from \* to end. Rep rows 1 & 2 once. Row 5 \*P6, C10B; rep from \* to last st. P1.

Row 6 As row 2. Rep rows 1 & 2, 4 times. These 14 rows form patt. Work 28 rows more in patt.

## SHAPE CROWN

Row 1 \*P2toqtbl, P2, p2tog, K10; rep from \* to last st, P1. [127 sts] Row 2 K1, \*P10, K4; rep from \* to end. Row 3 \*P2toqtbl, p2toq, K10; rep from \* to last st, P1. [109 sts] Row 4 K1, \*P10, K2; rep from \* to end. Row 5 \*P2, C10B; rep from \* to last st, P1.

Row 6 K1, \*P10, K2; rep from \* to end. Row 7 \*P2, sl1, K1, psso, K6, k2tog; rep from \* to last st, P1. [91 sts]

Row 8 K1, \*P8, K2; rep from \* to end. Row 9 \*P2, sl1, K1, psso, K4, k2tog; rep from \* to last st, P1. [73 sts]

Row 10 K1, \*P6, K2; rep from \* to end. Row 11 \*P2, C6B; rep

from \* to last st. P1. Row 12 K1, \*P6, K2; rep from \* to end.

Row 13 \*P2, sl1, K1, psso, K2, k2tog; rep from \* to last st. P1. [55 sts]

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**Row 14** K1, \*P4, K2; rep from \* to end.

**Row 15** \*P2, sl1, K1, psso, k2tog; rep from \* to last st, P1. [37 sts]

**Row 16** K1, \*P2, K2; rep from \* to end.

Row 17 \*P2tog, k2tog; rep from \* to last st, P1. [19 sts]

**Row 18** K1, \*p2tog; rep from \* to end. [10 sts]

Break yarn and thread through rem 10 sts. Fasten off.

# TO MAKE UP

Weave in ends and sew back seam, reversing sewing for 8cm for turnback. Make a 12cm diameter pompom and attach to the crown. Cover with a clean, damp tea towel and leave until dry.
See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

# STEP-BY-STEP C6B CABLE 6 BACK



1 Purl up to where your cable is going to begin. Slip the next 3 stitches onto the cable needle.



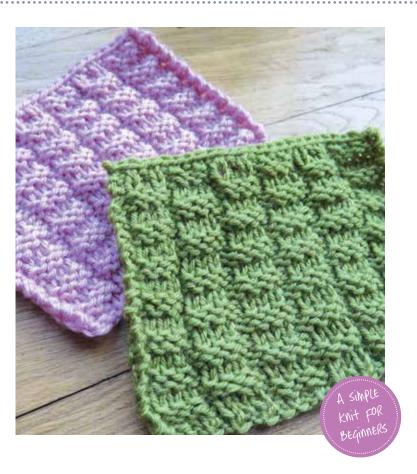
2 Take the cable needle and stitches to the back of the knitting. Knit the next 3 stitches, pulling the first stitch tight to avoid ladders.



3 Bring the cable needle to the front of the knitting and knit the 3 stitches from the cable needle, then continue.

## WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

The Mission to Seafarers cares for merchant seafarers from around the world, working in 200 ports in over 15 countries with its global network of chaplains, staff and volunteers. The charity's Flying Angel centres provide a 'home away from home' for seafarers who have been working for several months on container ships, and it also offers help, advice and support. One of the Mission's remits is to pass on warm clothing to those in need, and so it would like to receive knitted or crocheted balaclavas, scarves, gloves and hats in any colours. You'll find a selection of patterns for knitted items available to download for free on its website. For more details, visit www.missiontoseafarers.org/support-us/other-ways-to-help/knit-for-us.



# HIP TO BE SQUARE

Use your stash to contribute to a blanket and bring warmth to children in need.

By Designer Yarns.



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# YOU WILL NEED

- DY Choice, Aran With Wool (75% polyacryl, 25% wool, 100g/100m) 1 ball in your preferred shade
- ■A pair of 5mm needles For yarn stockists contact Designer Yarns 01535 664222 www.designeryarns. uk.com

# TENSION

16.5 sts and 20 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) in pattern on 5mm needles

MEASUREMENTS 20x20cm (8x8in)

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

For a full list see page 31

aking simple squares takes no time at all, so they're a great project for knitting on the go.



# (K) SQUARE

Cast on 27 sts using 5mm needles.
Row 1 K1, (P1, K1) 13

**Row 1** K1, (P1, K1) 13 times.

**Row 2** K1, (K5, P3) 3 times, K2.

**Row 3** K1, P1, (K3, P5) 3 times, K1.

**Row 4** (K2, P3, K3) 3 times. K3.

**Row 5** K1, (P5, K3) 3 times, P1, K1.

**Rows 6–29** Rep rows 2–5.

**Row 30** K2, (P1, K1) 12 times. K1.

Cast off.

## TO MAKE UP

Sew in ends. If desired, sew squares together in 5x7 rows to make a blanket.



If you know how to knit and purl you can make this!



Use a row counter to keep track of your progress.

# WHO WOULD LIKE THIS ITEM?

Knit-A-Square supports abandoned and vulnerable children in South Africa, many of whom have HIV/AIDS, by providing blankets and other items such as clothes and toys. The charity would like to receive 20x20cm (8x8in) knitted or cracheted squares, which its volunteers in South Africa stitch together into blank KNIT A SQUARE LOGO charities. Alternatively you can send a complete blanke HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM in a 5x7 pattern. Knit-A-Square is also asking for donati WEBSITE? warmers and cuddly toys, plus yarn, crochet hooks and yarn needles. Find out more about how you can get involved by visiting www.knit-a-square.com.

# KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

alt	alternate		right (increase 1 stitch)		(1 stitch decreased)
approx	approximately	M1P	make one purlwise by	sk2po	slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches
oeg	beginning		purling into back of loop		together, pass slipped stitch
:b	cable back		between two sts (increase		over (2 stitches decreased)
CC	contrast colour		1 stitch)	sl	slip
:f	cable forward	MB	make a bobble	sl st	slip stitch
n	cable needle	MC	main colour	sm	stitch marker
:0	cast on	P/p	purl	ssk	slip 2 stitches one at a time,
ont	continue	patt(s)	pattern(s)		knit 2 slipped stitches
dec	decrease(ing) (by working	patt rep(s)	pattern repeat(s)		together (1 stitch
	two stitches together)	PB	place bead		decreased)
est	established	pfb	purl into front and back	sssk	slip 3 sts one at a time, knit
ΣK	double knitting		of stitch		3 slipped stitches together
oll/s	following/follows	PM	place marker		(2 stitches decreased)
g st	garter stitch (knit every row)	P2tog	purl 2 stitches together	ssp	slip 2 sts one at a time, purl
nc	increase (usually knit into		(1 stitch decreased)		2 slipped stitches together
	same stitch twice)	P3tog	purl 3 stitches together		through back of the loops
C/k	knit		(2 stitches decreased)		(1 stitch decreased)
cfb	knit into front and back of	prev	previous	st(s)	stitch(es)
	stitch	psso	pass slipped stitch over	st st	stocking stitch
cwise	knitwise; by knitting the	p2sso	pass 2 slipped stitches over	tbl	through the back of the
	stitch	p(1)tbl	purl (1) into back loop		loop
c2tog	knit the next two stitches	pwise	purlwise; by purling the	tog	together
	together		stitch	WS	wrong side
c3tog	knit the next three stitches	rem	remain/remaining	wyib	with yarn at back
	together	rep(s)	repeat(s)	wyif	with yarn in front
c(1)tbl	knit (1) into back loop	RH	right hand	ybk	yarn to the back
.H	left hand	rib2tog	either k2tog or p2tog	yfwd	yarn forward
neas	measure(s)		dep on what next st in	yo	yarn over
M1	make one by knitting into		ribbing should be	yrn	yarn round needle
	back of loop between two		(keeps ribbing looking	yon	yarn over needle
	sts (increase 1 stitch)		neat on buttonholes)	*	work instructions
M1L	make one twisted to the left	RS	right side		immediately following *,
	(increase 1 stitch)	skpo	slip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch,		then repeat as directed
M1R	make one twisted to the		pass slipped stitch over		

# **CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS**

across alt approx beg bl  ch(s) ch-sp(s) ch-	to end of the row alternate/alternating approximate(ly) beginning insert hook under back loop only chain/chain stitch(es) chain space(s) refers to ch made previously, eq. ch-3	dec dtr dtr2tog fl foll/folls htr htr2tog in next	decrease double treble crochet work 2dtr together insert hook under front loop only following/follows half treble work 2htr together sts to be worked into the same stitch	sp(s) ss st(s) tbl t-ch(s) tog tr tr2tog	space(s) slip stitch stitch(es) through back loop turning chain(s) together treble crochet (yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull up loop, yrh and draw through 2
cl(s) 4-tr cl	clusters (yrh, insert hook in sp/st, yrh & pull up loop, yrh & draw through 2 loops) 4 times, inserting hook in same sp/st, yrh & draw through all loops on hook	inc LH lp(s) meas p or pc patt(s) pm	increase left hand loop(s) measures picot pattern(s) place marker	WS yoh yrh *	loops) twice, yrh and draw through all loops on hook wrong side yarn over hook yarn round hook work instructions
cont dc dc2tog	continue double crochet (insert hook in next st, yrh and draw a loop through) twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on	prev rem rep RH rnd(s) RS	previous remain(s)/remaining repeat right hand round(s) right side	[] or ()	immediately foll *, then rep as directed work or repeat all instructions in the brackets as directed

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