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This Aran style sweater by Mrs. Freda Pemberton is a good example of how you can use the basic sweater pattern on p.3 and adapt it to your own ideas!

INTRODUCTION

to the Sixth Edition

Woodley Woollies is an organisation of women and men who want to use their skills to make clothing and blankets for others. We work for charities and aid agencies in the UK and abroad, especially where children are involved. Our work is given to carefully checked organisations who will not misuse it.

All our work is done and given with love. We will never be heard to say, "That's good enough for them - they'll be grateful." We bear in mind that those for whom we work are just like ourselves. Everything is made with the thought that the child who receives it knows it is the gift of somebody who cares. *We don't make "Refugee"* - all that we offer is what we would use for ourselves and our families.

We also raise funds to give donations to the charities and agencies who handle our work, and occasionally we are given money for the purchase of yarn.

This book contains patterns for clothing for children up to 14 years, plus ideas for blankets. The designs are basic, so that reasonably experienced knitters can add stripes or other patterns of their choice.

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ABBREVIATIONS used throughout the book :

K = knit; P = purl; tog. = together; w.fwd. = wool forward;
inc = increase; skpo = slip next stitch, K 1, pass slipped stitch over;
pssso = pass slipped stitch over; dec. = decrease; beg. = beginning

SIMPLE DOUBLEKNIT SWEATER IN FIVE SIZES

This basic long-sleeved sweater has a button fastening at the back to give a high, warm neck. This design can be varied by the introduction of stripes or patterns, such as bands of moss-stitch, basket stitch, lacey designs, etc.

To fit chest 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) ins. Instructions are given for 18 in. chest and larger sizes are in the brackets.

Materials : 1 pr each No. 8 (4mm) and No. 10 ($3\frac{1}{4}$ mm) needles.
In double knitting yarn : approx. 150g (180g, 200g, 200g, 250g)
These quantities are approximate because different qualities of wool can vary greatly.

BACK:

With No. 10 needles cast on 62 (68, 74, 80, 86) sts. and work 10 (10, 12, 12, 14) rows in K1, P1 rib.

Change to No. 8 needles and work 46 (50, 54, 64, 72) rows in stocking stitch.

Shape raglan armholes:

Cast off 3 sts. at beg. of next 2 rows and decrease at each end of next and every alternate row until 38 (40, 42, 44, 46) sts. remain, ending with a purl row. (Working inc. and dec. one stitch inside edge is smarter!)

Shape back opening:

1st Row : K2 tog., K15 (16, 17, 18, 19), cast on 4 sts., turn.

2nd Row : K4, purl to last st, K1.

3rd Row : K2 tog., K to end.

4th Row : As 2nd.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) sts. remain. Put these stitches on a stitch-holder or safety pin and rejoin yarn to remaining stitches.

1st Row : K to last 2 sts., skpo.

2nd Row : K1, purl to last 4 sts., K4.

Repeat these two rows 3 times.

Buttonhole row : K1, K2tog., w.fwd., K to last 3 sts., skpo.

Next Row : as 2nd.

Repeat 1st and 2nd rows until 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) sts. remain.

Put these stitches onto a stitch-holder, leaving about 8 yards or metres of yarn to make the neckband.

FRONT:

Work as Back, but omitting back opening, until 30 (32, 34, 36, 36) sts. Remain.

Shape neck:

Row 1 : K2 tog., K8, skpo, turn.

Row 2 : P2 tog., P7, K1.

Row 3 : K2 tog., K5, skpo.

Row 4 : P2tog., P4, K1.

Row 5 : K2tog., K4.

Row 6 : P4, K1 .

Row 7 : K2tog., K3.

Row 8 : P3, K1.

Row 9 : K2 tog., skpo.

Row 10 : P2 tog.

Break off yarn, leaving about 18 ins. (50cm) for sewing up.

Return to remaining stitches. Put the first 6 (8, 10, 12, 12) stitches on a stitch-holder or safety pin, and rejoin yarn to remaining 12 stitches. Complete this side of neck to match first side, reversing all shapings, so **Row 1** will be K2 tog., K8, skpo, **Row 2** K1, P7, P2 tog., etc.

SLEEVES (both alike):

Using No. 10 needles, cast on 36 (38, 40, 42, 44) sts., and work in K1, P1 rib for 10 (10, 12, 12, 14) rows.

Change to No. 8 needles and work in stocking stitch, increasing at each end of 5th and every following 6th row until there are 48 (52, 58, 62, 68) sts.

Work a further 9 rows in stocking stitch.

Cast off 3 sts. at the beginning of the next two rows.

Dec. one stitch at each end of next and every alternate row until 6 (6, 8, 8, 8) stitches remain, ending with a purl row. Put these sts. on a holder.

NECKBAND:

Join all seams. Using the No. 10 needles, and with right side of work facing knit across the stitches of left back, left sleeve, then pick up and knit 9 sts. down left side of neck. Knit across stitches of centre neck, then pick up and knit 9 sts. from right side of neck. Knit across stitches at top of right sleeve and right back.

1st Row : K5, (P1, K1) to last 5 sts., P1, K4.

Repeat this row 2 (2, 2, 4, 4) times.

Next Row : K1, K2 tog., w.fwd., K2, (P1, K1) to last 5 sts., P1, K4.

Repeat 1st row twice more, then cast off in pattern loosely.

Sew the underflap of back neatly behind the buttonhole strip, and sew two buttons to match holes.

NOTE: This pattern may be used with 4-ply yarn and one size smaller needles to make a smaller size sweater, or with Aran yarn and one size larger needles to make a larger sweater!

WARM HATS

These can be made in any yarn, but double knitting or Aran are preferable. Here are a few ideas. For the first two, materials : about 100g of double knitting yarn, No. 8 (4mm) needles.

RIBBED HAT No. 1 WITH PLAIN TOP IN 3 SIZES

Cast on 85 (97, 109) sts. and work for 5" (6", 7") in K1, P1 rib. Change to stocking stitch and work 24 rows.

Shape the top:

Row 1 : *K10, K2 tog., repeat from * to last st, K1

Row 2 : K1, purl to last st., K1

Row 3 : *K9, K2 tog., repeat from * to last st., K1

Row 4 : As Row 2.

Row 5 : *K8, K2 tog., repeat from * to last st., K1

Continue decreasing in this way on alternate rows until the row *K1, K2 tog. all along has been worked.

Next row : As Row 2.

Last row : K2 together all along the row.

Draw up the remaining stitches and fasten off.

Sew up the seam.

Make a pompom for the top if you can.

RIBBED HAT No. 2 WITH PLAIN TOP IN 3 SIZES

Cast on 85 (97, 109) sts. and work in rib :

Pattern row: *K3, P1, repeat from * to last st., K1.

Repeat this row until work measures 5" (6", 7").

Change to stocking stitch, work 24 rows, and shape the top as for Hat No. 1.

PRETTY HAT IN TWO COLOURS

Contributed by Mrs. Olive Ricketts

Materials: About 40g each of two colours in DK yarn. 1 pair each No. 8 (4mm) and No. 10 (3¼mm) needles. Instructions are given in two sizes with larger size in brackets.

Using No. 10 (3¼mm) needles and *first colour*, cast on 101 (111) sts. and work 16 rows in K1, P1 rib.

Change to No. 8 needles and *second colour*.

Knit one row, then continue in pattern:

Row 1 : K1, *P3, K2, rep. from * to end.

Row 2 : K1, P1, * K3, P2, rep. from * to last 4 sts., K4.

Row 3 : As Row 1.

Row 4 : As Row 2.

Row 5 : As Row 1, *then change colour!*

Row 6 : K2, *w.fwd., Slip 1 st., K2 tog., pssso, w.fwd., K2, repeat from* to last st., K1.

Work rows 1 to 6, five (six) more times.

Remember to change colour after every Row 5!

Next row : K1, P to last st., K1.

Shape top:

Row 1 : K1, *K2 tog., K1, skpo, repeat from * to end.

Row 2 : Slip 1 st., P to last stitch, K1.

Row 3 : K.

Row 4 : As Row 2.

Row 5 : *K2 tog., K1, repeat from * to last st(s), K1 (K2).

Row 6 : As Row 2.

Row 7 : K1, (K2 tog.) to last 2 sts., K2.

Row 8 : As Row 2.

Row 9 : K2 tog. all along.

Break off yarn, draw up through remaining stitches and sew up seam.

Turn rib under, and catch cast on stitches LOOSELY to top of rib.

Make a pompom or tassel to finish off.

Note: This hat may be made in one colour if desired - or use a different colour for every stripe!

SCARVES

Warm scarves are simple to knit but do not have to be boring! Always make them long enough to TIE, so they should be at least 4 ft or 120cm long. Really, the longer the better!

Scarves can be made from a single colour or as many different colours as you wish, so they are a good way of using up oddments of yarn, but **ALWAYS** start the new colour at the edge - and at the **SAME** edge, so that the joins are all on the same side. Remember to darn in the loose ends.

Ribbed scarves need extra stitches because the work "closes up", so other patterns are advised. Here are some ideas!

STRIPED GARTER STITCH SCARF

Cast on any number of stitches from 40 to 60, using a suitable needle size for your yarn - No. 8 (4mm) for double knit, for example - and work in garter stitch for the length required.

Make random stripes to use up oddments, or a regular stripe pattern if you are using two or three shades.

Remember to start each colour at the same edge, as advised above.

RIDGE-STRIPED SCARF

This very attractive pattern can be worked with 2 or more colours.

Cast on as above, and work 2 rows in first shade. Join in second shade and work two rows. Continue working throughout in 2 rows of each shade, carrying the yarn up the side of your work.. You will make an attractive - but different - pattern on each side of the scarf.

MOSS-STITCH SCARF

Cast on any number of stitches from 41 to 61 and work in moss-stitch for the required length - at least 4 ft! The longer the better!

BASKET-STITCH SCARF

Cast on 40, 48, 56 or 64 stitches.

Row 1 : (K4, P4) to end.

Repeat this row 3 times.

Row 5 : (P4, K4) to end.

Repeat this row 3 times.

These 8 rows form the pattern. Repeat them for the length required.

LACY SCARF

This scarf can be knitted with double knitting yarn, but Mohair is more attractive. This is a good scarf for fund-raising, too.

Use Size 4 (6mm) or any larger size of needle, and cast on from 40 to 60 stitches.

Row 1 : K.

Row 2 : Wind yarn round both needles, then round Right needle, and draw this second loop through, allowing the 'double' loop on the left needle to drop, making the first stitch. Repeat all along the row.

Row 3 : As Row 2.

Row 4 : K.

These four rows form the pattern. Work the required length.

You will no doubt think of many other patterns to use in your scarves, but avoid stocking stitch, as the edges will roll inwards. When it's finished, you may like to make a fringe for each end of the scarf.

MITTENS IN THREE SIZES

Mittens are a good way of using up small quantities of yarn, as you can introduce many patterns of stripes. If you have only small balls of yarn, try making both mittens at the same time, so that you can introduce second and third colours as needed and make the mitts match!

Materials : approx. 50g DK yarn per pair of mitts - but you should have some left from the smaller sizes! 1 pair each No. 11 (3mm) and No. 9 ($3\frac{3}{4}$ mm) needles.

Instructions are given for small mittens, with those for larger sizes in the brackets. (To fit age 5, 8 and 12 approx.)

RIGHT MITTEN:

With No. 11 needles cast on 26 (34, 42) sts. and work 12 (14, 16) rows in K1, P1 rib.

Change to No. 9 needles and work 2 rows stocking stitch.

Shape for thumb gusset:

Row 1 : K13 (17, 21), inc. in next st, K1, inc. in next st, knit to end.

Rows 2, 3, 4 : Stocking stitch.

Row 5 : K13 (17, 21), inc. in next st, K3, inc. in next st, knit to end.

Rows 6, 7, 8 : Stocking stitch.

Row 9 : K13 (17, 21), inc. in next st, K5, inc. in next st, knit to end.

Rows 10, 11, 12 : Stocking stitch.

Continue increasing in this way on every 4th row until you have 34 (42, 52) sts., ending with a purl row.

Thumb:

Row 1 : K24 (28, 34), turn.

Row 2 : K1, P9 (10, 12), cast on 2 (3,3) sts., turn.

Work a further 10 (12, 16) rows stocking stitch on these stitches.

Shape top of thumb:

Row 1 : K0 (2, 1), *K2 tog., K1, rep. from * to end.

Row 2 : K1, purl to last st., K1.

Row 3 : K0 (0, 1), *K2 tog., rep. from * to end.

Draw up and fasten off and sew up thumb seam.

Palm:

With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn and knit up 2 (3, 3) sts. from base of thumb, then knit to end of row.

Work 17 (23, 29) rows in stocking stitch.

Shape top of mitten:

Row 1 : (K1, K2 tog., K7 (11, 15), skpo, K1) twice.

Row 2 : (K1, P9 (13, 17), K1) twice.

Row 3 : (K1, K2 tog., K5 (9, 13), skpo, K1) twice.

Row 4 : (K1, P7(11, 15), K1) twice.

Row 5 : (K1, K2 tog., K3 (7, 11), skpo, K1) twice.

Row 6 : (K1, P5 (9, 13), K1) twice.

Cast off small size.

Work a further **2 rows** for middle size and **4 rows** for large size decreasing in the same manner, then cast off. Sew up top and side.

LEFT MITTEN:

With No. 11 needles cast on 26 (34, 42) sts. and work 12 (14, 16) rows in K1, P1 rib.

Change to No. 9 needles and work 2 rows stocking stitch.

Shape for thumb gusset:

Row 1 : K10 (14, 17), inc. in next st, K1, inc. in next st., knit to end.

Rows 2, 3, 4 : Stocking stitch.

Row 5 : K10 (14, 17), inc. in next st., K3, inc. in next st., knit to end.

Rows 6, 7, 8 : Stocking stitch.

Row 9 : K10 (14, 17), inc. in next st, K5, inc. in next st., knit to end.

Rows 10, 11, 12 : Stocking stitch.

Continue increasing in this way on every 4th row until you have 34 (42, 52) sts., ending with a purl row.

Thumb:

Row 1 : K20 (25, 31), turn.

Row 2 : K1, P9 (10, 12), cast on 2 (3, 3) sts., turn.

Work a further 10 (12, 16) rows stocking stitch on these stitches.

Shape top of thumb:

Row 1 : K0 (2, 1), *K2 tog., K1, rep. from * to end.

Row 2 : K1, purl to last st., K1.

Row 3 : K0 (0, 1), *K2 tog., rep. from * to end.

Draw up and fasten off and sew up thumb seam.

Palm:

With right side of work facing, rejoin yarn and knit up 2 (3, 3) sts. from base of thumb, then knit to end of row.

Work 17 (23, 29) rows in stocking stitch.

Shape top of mitten as for right hand mitten.

Sew up top and side seams.

KNITWEAR FOR BABIES

Materials : A small ball of 4-ply will make each of the first 3 items. The jacket will take about 100g. You will also need size 9, 10 and 11 ($3\frac{3}{4}$ mm, $3\frac{1}{4}$ mm and 3mm) needles, plus buttons & tapes or ribbon as shown.

Using DK yarn and larger needles, you can make larger sizes. You can introduce your own ideas into the plain stocking-stitch areas. Try making one item first, then add your own variations!

BONNET

With No. 11 needles, cast on 67 sts. and work 6 rows garter stitch. Change to No. 9 needles:

Row 1 : K.

Row 2 : K6, purl to last 6 sts., K6.

Repeat these two rows 12 times.

Shape crown:

Row 1 : (K9, K2 tog.) 6 times, K1.

Row 2 and every alternate row : K.

Row 3 : (K8, K2 tog.) 6 times, K1.

Row 5 : (K7, K2 tog.) 6 times, K1.

Continue decreasing in this way until the row K2 together all along has been worked.

Draw up, fasten off, and sew up seam to end of crown shaping.

Sew two tapes, ribbons or yarn chains, about 15" long, to the front of the bonnet for fastening.

MITTENS

With No. 11 needles, cast on 32 sts. and work 6 rows garter stitch.
Work 7 rows stocking stitch.

Next row : K.

Next row : (K1, K2 tog., w.fwd.) 10 times, K2.

Next row : K.

Work 20 rows stocking stitch.

Shape top:

Row 1 : K1, (K2 tog., K11, skpo) twice, K1.

Rows 2, 4 and 6 : K1, purl to last st., K1.

Row 3 : K1, (K2 tog., K9, skpo) twice, K1.

Row 5 : K1, (K2 tog., K7, skpo) twice, K1.

Row 7 : K1, (K2 tog., K5, skpo) twice, K1.

Cast off purlwise. Sew up.

Make a second mitten, then thread 12" ribbon through holes.

BOOTEES

These simple bootees start at the SOLE and need no picking up of stitches!

With No. 11 needles, cast on 40 sts.

Row 1 : Inc. in first st., K18, inc. in next 2 sts., knit to last 2 sts., inc. in next st., K1.

Rows 2, 3 and 4 : K.

Row 5 : Inc. in first st., K20, inc. in next 2 sts., knit to last 2 sts., inc. in next st., K1.

Rows 6, 7 and 8 : K.

Row 9 : Inc. in first st., K22, inc. in next 2 sts., knit to last 2 sts., inc. in next st., K1.

Knit 11 rows.

Shape instep:

Row 1 : K29, K2 tog., turn.

Row 2 : Slip 1, K7, K2 tog., turn.

Repeat Row 2 until there are 32 sts. remaining altogether.

Next row : K to end.

Next row: K.

Next row : (K1, K2 tog., w.fwd) 10 times, K2.

Next row: K.

Work 17 rows in stocking stitch.

Work 6 rows in garter stitch.

Cast off, but LOOSELY. If necessary, use a size 10 needle.

Sew up back and foot seam.

Make a second bootee. Thread ribbon, tapes or yarn chains through ankle holes.

BABY'S JACKET IN ONE PIECE WITH RIDGED YOKE

Abbreviation: M-st. 5 = K1, P1, K1, P1, K1.

Materials: about 100g 4-ply yarn; No. 12 ($2\frac{3}{4}$ mm) and 10 ($3\frac{1}{4}$ mm) needles. 3 buttons. (Or use DK and larger needles.)

With No. 12 Needles, cast on 81 stitches.

1st Row : K2, (P1, K1) to last st, K1.

2nd Row : (K1, P1) to last st., K1.

Next row: Rib to last 4 sts., K2tog., w.fwd., K2.

Work 3 more rows in rib.

Change to No. 10 needles.

Row 1 : M-st. 5, K to last 5 sts., M-st. 5.

Row 2 : M-st. 5, P2, *P2, inc. in next st. purlwise, repeat from * to last 8 sts., P3, M-st. 5 (103 sts.).

Rows 3 to 7 : M-st.

Row 8 : M-st.5, P to last 5 sts., M-st. 5.

Row 9 : As Row 1.

Row 10 : M-st. 5, *K1, slip next stitch purlwise, rep. from * to last 6 sts., K1, M-st. 5.

Row 11 : As Row 1.

Row 12 : M-st. 5, K2, *slip next stitch purlwise, K1, rep. from * to last 6 sts., K1, M-st. 5.

Row 13 : As Row 1.

Row 14 : M-st. 5, *P1, inc. in next st. purlwise, repeat from * to last 6 sts., P1, M-st. 5 (149 sts).

Rows 15 to 19 : Moss stitch. **Row 20** : As row 8.

Row 21 : M-st. 5, K to last 5 sts., K1, P2 tog., yarn over needle, P1, K1 (making a buttonhole).

Rows 22 to 24 : As Rows 10 to 12. **Row 25** : As Row 1.

Row 26 : M-st. 5, inc. in next st. purlwise, P2, *inc. in next st, P3, repeat from * to last 9 sts., inc., P2, inc., M-st. 5. **Rows 27 to 31** : Moss stitch.

Row 32 : As Row 8. **Row 33** : As Row 1.

Rows 34 to 36 : As Rows 10 to 12.

Row 37 : As Row 1.

Row 38 : M-st. 5, *P2, inc. purlwise in next st., rep. from * to last 6 sts., P1, M-st. 5.

Rows 39 to 43 : Moss stitch, BUT make a buttonhole at the end of Row 39, as in Row 21. **Row 44** : As Row 8. **Row 45** : As Row 1.

Rows 46 to 48 : As Rows 10 to 12. **Rows 49 & 50** : As 1 & 8.

Divide for sleeves:

1st Row : M-st. 5, K82, turn. **2nd Row** : K1, P48, K1, turn.

Continue in stocking stitch on these 50 stitches for 44 more rows, knitting one stitch at each end of every Row for easy sewing-up. (No M-st. borders!)

Next row : K2, (K1, K2 tog) 15 times, K3 (35 sts.).

With No. 12 needles, work 10 rows in K1, P1 rib. Cast off.

Right side of work facing, **rejoin yarn** to the 156 sts. left.

Next row: K119, turn.

Next row : K1, P48, K1, turn.

Continue on these 50 stitches to make second sleeve exactly the same as the first.

Right side of work facing, **rejoin yarn** to the 37 sts. left.

Next row : K32, M-st. 5.

Next row : Work across the three sets of stitches on the needle, making them into a single row of 143 sts (M-st. 5, purl to last 5 sts., M-st. 5.)

Continue in stocking stitch with moss stitch borders for 44 rows.

Work 6 rows moss stitch. Cast off. Sew up sleeve seams and attach 3 buttons in line with holes.

BLANKETS

Hand-knitted blankets are especially warm and cosy, and can be a great joy to those who are given them.

They can be made really colourful and are a great way of using up wool scraps. They can be made of squares sewn together, or in one piece.

Corner-to-Corner Squares for Blankets

Use any thickness of yarn and a suitable size of needle, e.g. DK yarn and No. 8 (4mm) needles. (It is a good idea to leave about 18" of wool at the start, and when you fasten off - this makes sewing together quicker and easier!)

Cast on 1 stitch.

1st Row : Increase in this stitch.

2nd Row : K1, inc. in second stitch.

3rd Row : K2, inc. in third stitch.

Carry on increasing in every last stitch until the work measures 6" (15cm) along each side. If you wish, 8", 10" or 12" squares are good, too. (Make yourself a square card to save bother - when your work fits two sides of the square, it's time to decrease!)

Next Row : K to last 2 sts., K2 tog.

Continue decreasing at the end of each row until 3 sts. remain.

Last Row : Slip 1, K2 tog., pssso. Fasten off.

This way of making squares saves casting on and off, gives a good shape, and saves the need to work out the tension for different thicknesses of wool and sizes of needle.

Making up: sew squares firmly together. It's much nicer if you can spread the colours around so that the blanket looks attractive. Ideal sizes are: for single bed, 12x8 squares, and for a cot, 6x8 squares.

ONE-PIECE BLANKETS

Use double knitting yarn, Aran or chunky and a suitable needle size; use long needles. You may like to use two strands of DK - or double 4-ply - a good and colourful way of using up oddments!

Be sure that you use the same thickness of yarn throughout!

Cast on as many stitches as the needle will hold! This will probably be about 240 stitches.

Work in garter stitch throughout, or in basket stitch or moss stitch with a garter stitch border. There are many other stitches you can use - invent one of your own! - but don't use stocking stitch as it isn't warm enough and the sides will curl up.

You can use one colour throughout if you have enough, or take the opportunity to use up lots of small amounts. If you use really small quantities, *knit the ends in as you go to save sewing in.*

Work for about 4 ft (1.2m) and cast off.

LACY FRINGED RUG

Designed by Olive Ricketts
(see front cover illustration)

The cleverest ideas are often the simplest, and this rug is an excellent example! It is a good way of using up small amounts of yarn - you can do each row a different colour, or blend of two or more colours. You can also make the whole rug in one colour if you have a lot you want to use! (No need for a fringe!)

This rug can be made roughly square to use as a shawl or knee rug for an elderly person, or as a baby's carrying rug, or made longer for a cot blanket.

You can use Aran, or two thicknesses of DK, or three thicknesses of 3-ply or 4-ply.

You will need one pair of Size 5 ($5\frac{1}{4}$ mm) for the knitting, and a pair of Size 1 ($7\frac{1}{2}$ mm) for casting on!

Using the larger needles, cast on 101 stitches. Change to size 5.

First and every row : K, *w fwd., K2tog., repeat from * to end of line.

Change colours if you are doing stripes. KNOT the new colour with the old, and leave 3" of each to make a fringe! Don't sew the ends in - Olive says this makes the edges very lumpy!

Work for the desired length, and cast off. That's all!

'MAGIC' SQUARE FOR BLANKETS!

Cast on 96 stitches loosely.

Row 1 : K46, K2 tog. Twice, K46

Row 2 : Knit

Row 3 : K45, K2 tog twice, K45

Row 4 : Knit

Row 5 : K44, K2tog twice, K44

Row y : Knit

Continue in this way until 4 sts remain.

Next Row : K2 tog twice

Next Row : K2 tog, fasten off.

Sew together to make a blanket - ideally 6 x 8 squares or 12 x 8 squares.

This square can be made in any size, e.g. Starting with 48 sts and making the first Row K22, K2 tog twice, K22. However, this makes smaller squares which can be tiresome to sew up, although the effect can be very pretty. Squares can be in one colour if you have enough yarn, but you can use up small quantities by knitting stripes - but remember ALWAYS to start the new colours at the same edge. Try doing alternative colours in 2 Rows each to use up small amounts.

Helpful hint : Leave a length of about 182 (half a metre) at the beginning and end and this can be used for sewing up.

CHILDREN'S GLOVES IN GARTER STITCH

These pretty gloves are easy to knit and fun to wear. They are very comfortable as they are stretchy. **Caution** : there's a lot of sewing to be done! Sewing up must be close, every stitch, so that the gloves are firm and warm.

Use 4-ply with No. 10 ($3\frac{1}{4}$ mm) or DK with No. 8 (4mm) needles. Vary the size of the needles to make the gloves a little smaller or larger.

Yarn required: about 40g of 4-ply, or 50g DK. Amounts will vary very much according to the make of the yarn, but these gloves are best made in two colours, so small balls can be used.

Note: When casting off for fingers & thumb, slip the first stitch - this will help to make a smooth shaping for the top. When turning, keep your work firm to avoid unsightly gaps.

Cast on 40 sts.

Row 1 : Knit

Row 2 : Increase in first stitch, knit to end.

Row 3 : Knit

Row 4 : Knit to last 10 sts., turn.

Row 5 : Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Row 6 : K2 tog., knit to end.

Row 7 : Knit

Row 8 : Cast off 11, cast on 13, knit to end.

Rows 9 to 15 : Repeat rows 1 to 7.

Row 16 : Cast off 13, cast on 15, knit to end.

Rows 17 to 23 : Repeat rows 1 to 7.

Row 24 : Cast off 15, cast on 13, knit to end.

Rows 25 to 31 : Repeat rows 1 to 7.

Shape for thumb:

Row 32 : Cast off 20, cast on 12, K14, turn.

Row 33 : Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Row 34 : Increase in first stitch, K15, turn.

Row 35 : Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Row 36 : K19, turn.

Row 37 : Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Row 38 : K2 tog., K20, turn.

Row 39 : Slip first stitch, knit to end.

Cast off all stitches.

Make a second piece in this shade, then two more in a contrasting shade.

Oversew the halves of the gloves together, so that each glove has a different coloured back and front, and turn right side out. Be sure that both backs are colour A and both fronts are colour B. The child can then wear the gloves either way!

NOTE FOR FUND-RAISERS :

Many of the patterns in this book can be used for fund-raising, but UK buyers are more likely to buy the hats, gloves, scarves and mittens.

Using textured yarn for scarves (so that they are less obviously hand-knitted) means that they are more attractive to buyers!



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