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MAYBE YOU'RE A BIT NEW TO KNITTING, BUT YOU WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING SIMPLE THAT WON'T LOOK LIKE A BEGINNER PATTERN.

Maybe you're a long-time knitter, but life is pretty complicated right now and you'd like your knitting to be soothing and trouble-free. What can you knit that will be easy enough and relaxing enough as your needles click along, and yet have style and a little bit of "wow!" when the knitting is done?

Answer: *One of the patterns from Easy Knits from Knitting Daily: 7 Free Easy Knitting Patterns!*

The **Green Tea Raglan** is all knits and purls in a gorgeous top; the **Knitting Needle Knitting Bag**, knitting up quickly with large needles, which are then glued onto the final row of stitches. Everyone in your family will want our **Easy Hat**. It's a quick, fun knit that you can finish with a pompom. Or not!

The **Ribby Slipper Socks** are made with an ingenious construction that doesn't require a genius knitter; the **Super-Simple Wrap Cardigan**, a graceful cardi in "five easy pieces" of stockinette stitch with a garter stitch belt; beautiful and stylish, the **Rainbow Cowl** is a sure winner.

We've rounded out this easy collection with a pair of **Easy-Peasy Fingerless Mitts**, which are really just glorified knitted squares. Easy indeed.

There you are—seven simple patterns, with knockout results.

Here's to easy knitting!

Cheers,

Kathleen Cubley
Editor, *KnittingDaily.com*

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Green Tea Raglan

design by Cathy Payson

Originally published in *Interweave Knits*, Spring 2007

FINISHED SIZE: 34½ (38½, 42½, 46½)" bust circumference. Sweater shown measures 34½".

YARN: Classic Elite Bam Boo (100% bamboo; 77 yd [70 m]/50 g): #4915 bamboo leaf, 11 (13, 15, 16) balls.

NEEDLES: Sizes 6 (4 mm) and 7 (4.5 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Tapestry needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts and 29 rows = 4" in seed st on larger needles; 18 sts and 26 rows = 4" in St st on smaller needles.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner.

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked back and forth in rows

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on
Knit, purl
Simple ribbing
Seed Stitch in rows (only knit and purl); see Stitch Guide
Stockinette stitch in rows (knit on right side; purl on wrong side)
Decrease stitch (k2tog; see Glossary)
Increase stitch (Knitter's choice: either make 1 or k1f&B; see Glossary)
Bind off purlwise (see Stitch Guide)
Simple seams
Weave in loose ends
Blocking

STITCH GUIDE:

Bind off pwise (bind off purlwise): Purl all stitches as you work the bind-off row instead of knitting them.



Carol Kaplan

Easy combinations of knits and purls make this sweater a standout—and its simple design make it suitable for beginners or those wanting a no-fuss project. The fresh, stylish result is so stunning, however, that no one will ever know if it was your first sweater or your fortieth.

Seed Stitch: (even number of sts)

Row 1: (RS) *K1, p1; rep from * to end.
 Row 2: (WS) *P1, k1; rep from * to end.
 Rep Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

Seed Stitch: (odd number of sts)

Row 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.
 Rep Row 1 for patt.

NOTE

The front and back of this pullover are worked identically. The raglan sleeves are sewn to the body and a decorative belt is added.

FRONT AND BACK (MAKE 2)

With larger needles, CO 78 (87, 96, 105) sts. Knit 1 WS row.
Next row: (RS) K1 (selvage st), work in seed st (see Stitch Guide) to last st, k1 (selvage st). Cont in patt, working selvages in St st (knit on RS; purl on WS) and body in seed st, and dec 1 st each end of needle every 10th (12th, 14th, 16th) row 4 times—70 (79, 88, 97) sts rem; piece should measure about 5¾ (7, 8, 9)" from CO. Cont in patt, inc 1 st each end of needle every 12th (12th, 10th, 10th) row 4 times—78 (87, 96, 105) sts. Work even in patt, if necessary for your size, until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 14½)" from CO, ending with a WS row.
Shape raglan: Dec 1 st each end of needle every RS row 24 (28, 31, 34) times—30 (31, 34, 37) sts rem. Work even in patt,

if necessary for your size, until raglan measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½)" (measured vertically, not along the angle), ending with a RS row. Knit 1 WS row. BO all sts pwise.

SLEEVES

With smaller needles, CO 40 (43, 43, 45) sts. Knit 1 WS row. Work in St st and inc 1 st each end of needle every 6th row 6 (6, 6, 13) times, then every 8th row 4 (5, 6, 0) times—60 (65, 67, 71) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures 13 (13, 14, 14)" from CO, ending with a WS row. **Shape raglan:** Dec 1 st each end of needle every RS row 24 (25, 28, 30) times—12 (15, 11, 11) sts rem. Work even in St st until raglan measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½)", ending with a RS row. Knit 1 WS row. BO all sts pwise.

FINISHING

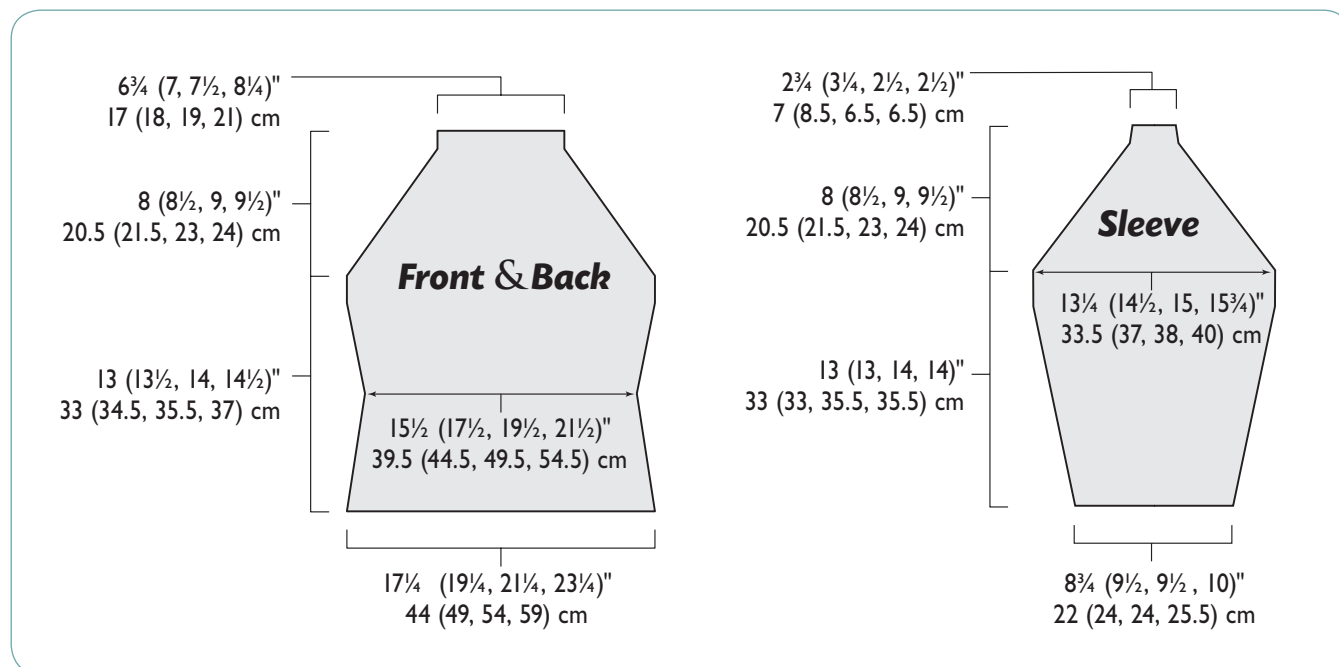
Sew raglan edges of sleeves to body, creating a clean edge at neckline. Sew sleeve and side seams. **Belt:** With larger needles, CO 9 sts.

Row 1: (RS) *K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 30 (34, 38, 42)" for sewn-on belt or to desired length for tied belt. BO all sts. Pin belt at waist and sew loosely to sweater. Weave in loose ends. Block according to directions on yarn label. ✨

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Knitting Needle Knitting Bag

design by Pam Allen

Originally published in *Bag Style* (Interweave, 2007)

FINISHED SIZE: About 18¾" (47.5 cm) wide and 9" (23 cm) tall, excluding handles.

YARN: Chunky weight (#5 Bulky). Shown here: Nashua Handknits Creative Focus Chunky (75% wool, 25% alpaca; 110 yd [101 m]/100 g): #1940 dried rose, 3 balls.

NEEDLES: Bag—size 10½ (6.5 mm). Handles—size 9 (5.5 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Tapestry needle; size 15 (10 mm) wooden needles; superglue.

GAUGE: 17 stitches and 19 rows = 4" (10 cm) in pattern stitch on larger needles.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner.



Carol Kaplan

Pam Allen indulged her fondness for the berry stitch in this quick-and-easy knitting bag whose cigar shape was inspired by a bag she saw in a catalog. For the front and back, she knitted two slightly shaped rectangles and seamed them along the bottom and partway up the sides. Rather than binding off, she placed the live stitches on wooden knitting needles, squished them together to form soft gathers, and applied a little superglue. Garter-stitch handles sewn to the front and back are all that's needed to finish the bag. This particular bag isn't lined, but it would be an easy matter to use the front and back as pattern pieces and add a cheery print lining to prevent needles from poking through.

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked back and forth in rows

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on
Knit, purl
p3tog (see Stitch Guide)
Garter stitch (knit every row)
Bind off
Weave in loose ends
Steam block
Simple seams

STITCH GUIDE:

p3tog: Insert needle as though to purl through next 3 stitches on left-hand needle. Wrap yarn and pull through all three stitches at once—3 stitches decreased to 1.

BACK

With larger needles, CO 80 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K2, *(k1, p1, k1) in next st, p3tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K2, *p3tog, (k1, p1, k1) in next st; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4: Purl.

Rep Rows 1–4 until piece measures 9" (23 cm) from CO, ending with Row 4 of patt. **Dec row:** (WS) K2, *k1, p3tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2—42 sts rem. Loosely knit 1 row. With size 15 wooden needles, purl 1 row. Leave sts on needle.

FRONT

CO 80 sts and work as for back.

HANDLES (MAKE 2)

With smaller needles, CO 6 sts. Work in garter st (knit every row) until piece measures 21" (53.5 cm) from CO. BO all sts.

FINISHING

Gently steam-press pieces. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew bottom seam. Beg at bottom edge, sew side seams for 5" (12.5 cm). Spread sts evenly along wooden needle from knob end to 1½" (3.8 cm) from tip. Use superglue to secure last few sts at pointed end. Sew handles to bag 10 sts in from each end. ❄

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Easy Knitted Hat

by ANN BUDD

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked in the round on double pointed needles or circular needles

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on
Knitting in the round
Simple ribbing
K2tog decreases (see Glossary)
Bind off
Weave in loose ends
Steam block or wet block

Finished Head Circumference: 21"

Yarn: Cascade 220 Superwash (100% superwash wool, 220 yds [201 m]/100 g); #914A, Tahitian Rose, 1 skein

Needles: Set of 4 (or 5) double-pointed needles (dpn), or 16-inch circular needle, in sizes 6 U.S. (4 mm) and 7 U.S. (4.5 mm), or size necessary to obtain gauge

Gauge: 20 sts = 4 inches on larger needles

Notions: Marker (m), tapestry needle

Skill Level: Beginner

Hat

Using smaller needles, cast on 104 sts. If using dpn, arrange sts evenly on 3 (or 4) dpn. Place marker (pm) and join, being careful not to twist sts. Work k1, p1 rib for 2½ inches.

Crown

Change to larger needles. Work in St st until piece measures 8¼" from base of ribbing.

Work one round, decreasing 8 stitches evenly spaced, as

Work one round, decreasing 8 stitches evenly spaced, as follows: *K 6, k2tog; rep from *—96 sts.

SHAPE TOP

Dec Rnd 1: *K2 k2tog; rep from *—72 sts.
Work 1 rnd even.

Dec Rnd 2: *K1, k2tog; rep from *—48 sts.
Work 1 rnd even.

Dec Rnds 3, 4, and 5: *K2tog; rep from *—6 sts.

Finishing

Break yarn, pull tail through sts, pull tight, and secure to inside. Weave in loose ends. Block.

To Add Pompom: Cut two circles of cardboard, each ½" (1.3 cm) larger than desired finished pompom width. Cut a small circle out of the center and a small wedge out of the side of each circle (Figure 1). Place a tie strand between the circles, hold circles together and wrap with yarn—the more wraps the thicker the pompom. Cut between the circles and knot the ties strand tightly (Figure 2). Place pompom between 2 smaller cardboard circles held together with a needle and trim the edges. Use the tie strand to attach pompom to top of hat (Figure 3).

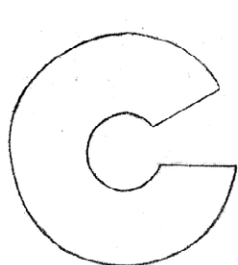


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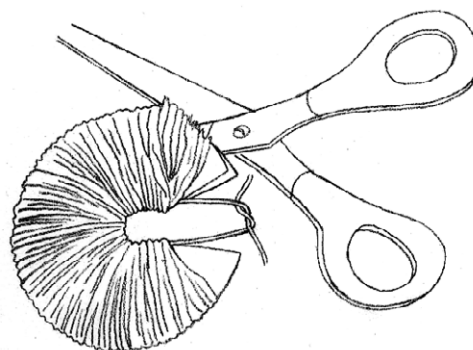


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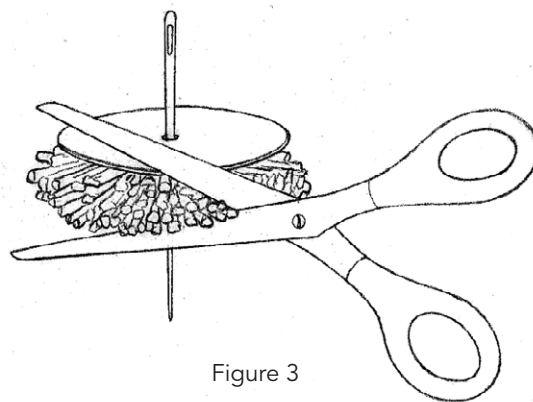


Figure 3

Ribby Slipper Socks

design by Cathy Carron

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Amanda Stevenson Lupke

Chunky yarn, a simple rib pattern, and a clever, easy construction make these slipper socks quick and simple to knit. Designed in five sizes, from toddler to adult, so a beginner or someone short on time can whip up matching slippers for the whole family!

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked in the round on double-pointed needles (dpns)

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on
Knit, purl
Working on double-pointed needles (dpns) in the round
K1f&b increase (see Glossary)
Simple ribbing
3-needle bind off (see Glossary)
Pick up and knit stitches (see Glossary)
Bind off in ribbing (see Stitch Guide)
Weave in loose ends

FINISHED SIZE: 4³/₄ (4³/₄, 4³/₄, 6¹/₂, 6¹/₂)" foot circumference and 6 (7¹/₂, 9, 10¹/₂, 12)" from tip of toe to back of heel. To fit toddler (child, small woman, large woman, man).

YARN: Blue Sky Alpacas Bulky (50% alpaca, 50% wool; 45 yd [41 m]/100 g): MC, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2) ball(s). Blue Sky Alpacas Worsted Hand Dyes (50% alpaca, 50% wool; 100 yd [91 m]/100 g): CC, 1 ball (all sizes).

Shown in colors as foll:

Toddler: MC: #1003 porcupine (light khaki);
CC: #2014 olive

Child: MC: #1002 silver mink (light beige);
CC: #2007 light blue

Small woman (not shown): MC: #1003 porcupine (light khaki); CC: #2001 dungaree blue

Large woman: MC: #1001 lynx (medium khaki);
CC: #2014 olive

Man: MC: #1002 silver mink (light beige);
CC: #2001 dungaree blue

NEEDLES: Sizes 11 (8 mm) and 8 (5 mm): set of 4 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Tapestry needle; stitch marker (m).

GAUGE: 15 sts and 15 rnds = 4" in 1×1 rib with MC on larger needles, relaxed; 14 sts and 23 rnds = 4" in 2×2 rib with CC on smaller needles, relaxed.

SKILL LEVEL: Easy.

STITCH GUIDE:

Bind off in ribbing: Bind off as you usually would, except knit the knits and purl the purls as you work along the row.

SLIPPER

With MC and larger needles, CO 12 sts. Divide sts evenly onto 3 dpn, place maker (pm) to indicate beg of rnd, and join in the rnd.

Rnd 1: Knit.

Rnd 2: *K1, k1f&b; rep from * around—18 sts.

Rnd 3: Knit.

Sizes large woman and man only:

Rnd 4: *K2, k1f&b; rep from * around—24 sts.

Rnd 5: Knit.

All sizes:

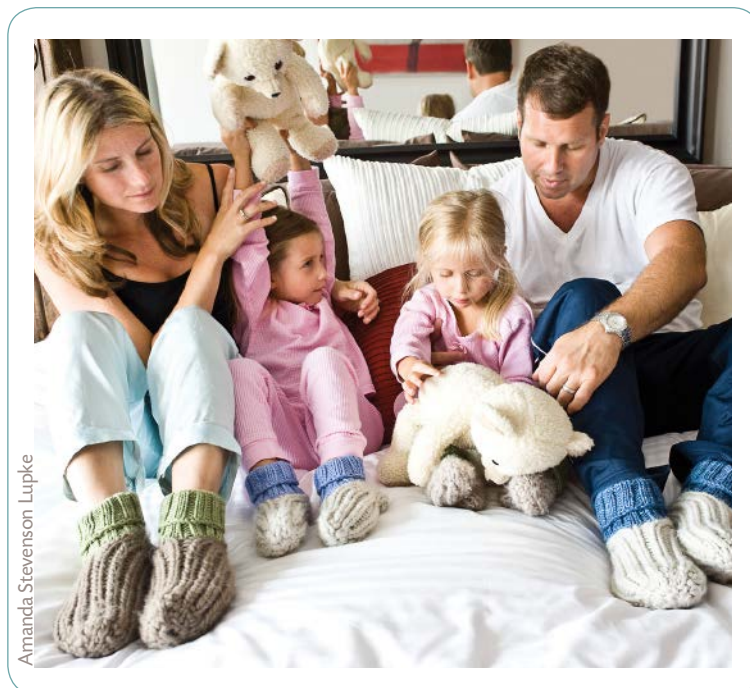
Rnd 6: *K1, p1; rep from * around. Rep Rnd 6 until piece measures 3 (4, 5, 6, 7)" from toe tip. **Leg opening:**

Working back and forth in rows, cont in 1×1 rib for 3 (3½, 4, 4½, 5)" more—piece measures 6 (7½, 9, 10½, 12)" from toe. **Join back of heel:**

Place 9 (9, 9, 12, 12) sts onto each of 2 dpn. Holding these dpn parallel with RS tog, use the three-needle BO (see Glossary) to join back of heel. **Cuff:**

With smaller dpn, CC, and RS facing, beg at top of heel seam, pick up and knit 36 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts around leg opening. Divide

sts onto 3 dpn and join in the rnd. Work in 2×2 rib for 4 (4, 5, 5, 5)". BO all sts loosely in rib. Weave in loose ends. With MC threaded on a tapestry needle, close any rem hole at toe. ❄



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Super-Simple Wrap Jacket

design by *Cindy Taylor*

Originally published in *Interweave Knits*, Spring 2002

What could be simpler? Five easy pieces, done in stockinette and garter stitch with minimal shaping. This is a perfect "first sweater" for a beginner, or a great knit for anyone who wants something simple for travel knitting, TV knitting—or hockey mom (or dad!) knitting! And the best part is that when the sweater is finished, you have a wonderful casual, comfy cardigan to wear (and show off!) on weekends, to yoga, or to backyard barbecues when the evenings turn cool.



Chris Hartlove

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked back and forth in rows

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on

Knit, purl

Stockinette stitch (knit on right side; purl on wrong side)

Decrease stitch (k2tog; see Glossary)

Garter stitch (knit every row)

Bind off

Sew simple seams

Weave in loose ends

FINISHED SIZE: 39 (41, 44, 47)" (99 [104, 112, 119.5] cm) bust/chest circumference. Sweater shown measures 41" (104 cm).

YARN: S. Charles Collezione Victoria (60% cotton, 40% viscose; 72 yd [66 m]/50 g): #2 ecru, 14 (15, 17, 18) balls. Yarn distributed by Tahki Stacy Charles.

NEEDLES: Size 7 (4.5 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS: Markers (m); tapestry needle.

GAUGE: 18½ sts and 25 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st.

SKILL LEVEL: Beginner.

BACK

CO 90 (94, 102, 108) sts. Work St st until piece measures 12 (12, 12, 12½)" (30.5 [30.5, 30.5, 31.5] cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. **Shape armholes:** Beg with the next RS row, dec 1 st each end of needle every row 8 (8, 8, 9) times—74 (78, 86, 90) sts rem. Cont even until armholes measure 10 (10, 11, 12)" (25.5 [25.5, 28, 30.5] cm). Mark 21st (23rd, 27th, 29th) sts in from each armhole edge for shoulder seam placement. BO all sts.

RIGHT FRONT

CO 45 (47, 51, 54) sts. Work St st until piece measures 12 (12, 12, 12½)" (30.5 [30.5, 30.5, 31.5] cm) from beg, ending with a RS row. **Shape armhole:** On next row (WS), dec 1 st at beg of row, work to end—1 st dec'd. On next row (RS), work to last 2 sts, dec 1 st—1 st dec'd. Dec 1 st at armhole edge in this manner every row 6 (6, 6, 7) more times—37 (39, 43, 45) sts rem. Cont even until armhole measures 10 (10, 11, 12)" (25.5 [25.5, 28, 30.5] cm). Mark 21st (23rd, 27th, 29th) st in from armhole edge for shoulder seam placement. BO all sts.

LEFT FRONT

CO 45 (47, 51, 54) sts. Work St st until piece measures 12 (12, 12, 12½)" (30.5 [30.5, 30.5, 31.5] cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. **Shape armhole:** On next row (RS), dec 1 st at beg of

row, work to end—1 st dec'd. On next row (WS), work to last 2 sts, dec 1 st—1 st dec'd. Dec 1 st at armhole edge in this manner every row 6 (6, 6, 7) more times—37 (39, 43, 45) sts rem. Cont even until armhole measures 10 (10, 11, 12)" (25.5 [25.5, 28, 30.5] cm). Mark 21st (23rd, 27th, 29th) st from armhole edge for shoulder seam placement. BO all sts.

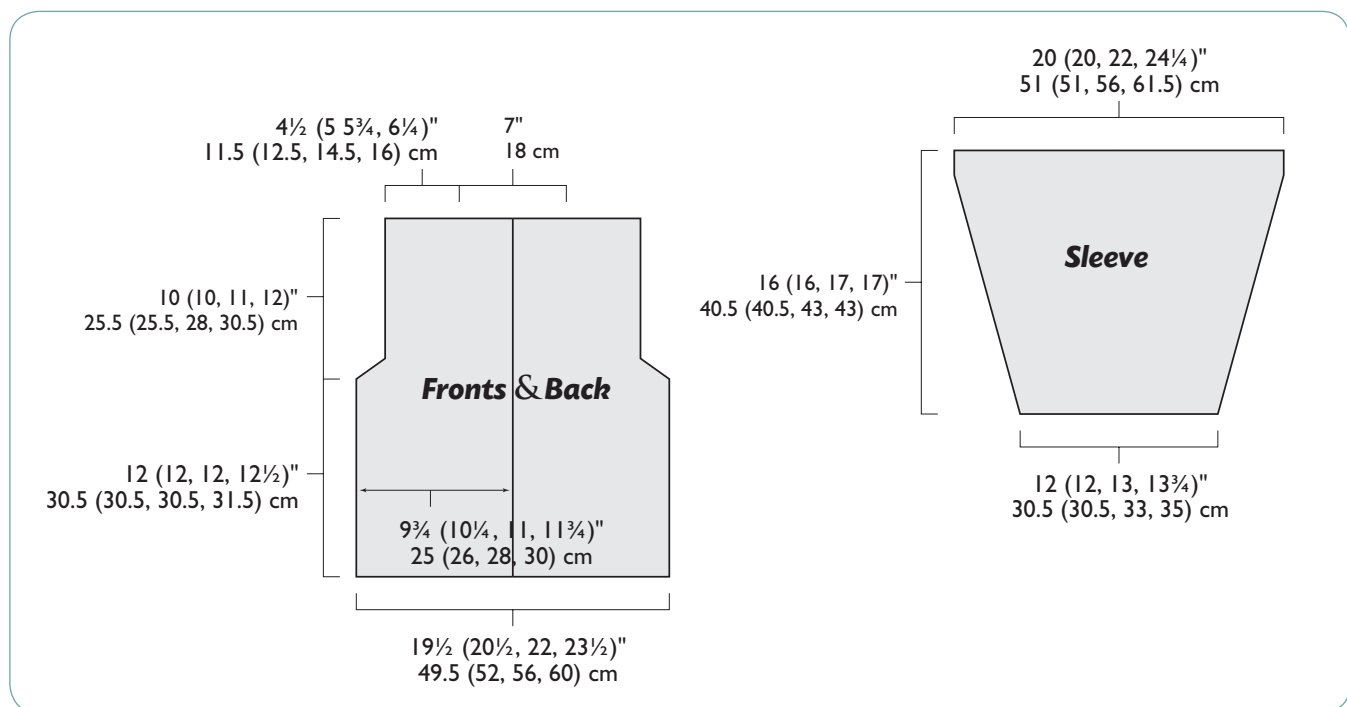
SLEEVES

CO 56 (56, 60, 64) sts. Work St st, inc 1 st each end of needle every 5 (5, 4, 4) rows 18 (18, 21, 24) times—92 (92, 102, 112) sts. Work even until piece measures 16 (16, 17, 17)" (40.5 [40.5, 43, 43] cm) from beg. BO all sts.

FINISHING

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew shoulder seams from armhole edge to marked sts, leaving 32 sts across back neck and 16 sts at center front edge unsewn. Sew sleeves into armholes. Sew sleeve and side seams. **Belt:** CO 9 sts. Work garter st (knit every row) until piece measures 56 (56, 60, 60)" (142 [142, 152.5, 152.5] cm) from beg. BO all sts. Weave in loose ends. ✱

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Rainbow Cowl

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BEGINNER



TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked back and forth in rows.

TECHNIQUES USED

- Cast on
- Garner stitch (knit every row)
- Bind off
- Mattress stitch (see page 15)
- Steam block or wet block



Nashua Handknits Geologie worsted weight

Size 16" wide (before twisting) and 23" long (before seaming)

Yarn Nashua Handknits Geologie (37% acrylic, 33% mohair, 30% wool; 142 yd [130 m]/50 g):

- #0389 shale, 2 balls

Yarn distributed by Westminster Fibers

Gauge 13 sts and 28 rows = 4" in garner st

Tools

- Size 10 (6 mm) needles
- Yarn needle

COWL

CO 52 sts. Work in garner st (knit every row) until piece measures 23" from CO. BO all sts.

FINISHING

Following diagram, lay piece flat. Twist once as shown. Fold and seam side edges with horizontal mattress st (see the next page), sewing only half the depth of the piece. Weave in ends. ☐



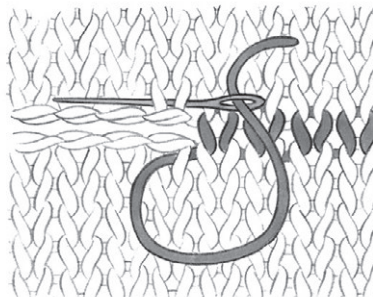
Rainbow Cowl originally published in *Knitscene Easy*, 2010.

Horizontal Mattress Stitch

Step 1: Lay the two pieces next to each other (with one above the other), right sides facing up, edges side by side and lining up stitch for stitch. Thread a tapestry needle with a length of yarn three times as long as the area you are sewing.

Step 2: To start the seam, *insert the needle from back to front into the center of the V of the stitch just below the bound-off edge of the bottom piece. Insert the needle under the V (the two strands) of the knit stitch on the top piece, then return to the stitch used in the first piece and insert the needle into the center of the same V from front to back. Move to the next V on the bottom piece and repeat from *.

Step 3: Pull the yarn gently as you repeat this process, so the seam is nearly invisible; it should look like another row of stitches. When you reach the end of the bound-off edges, pull gently on your seaming yarn and weave it into the knitted work for a few inches.



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Easy-Peasy Fingerless Mitts

by KATHLEEN CUBLEY

If you can knit and purl, you can make these easy fingerless mitts! They're basically knitted squares with some ribbing at the tops and bottoms!

Finished Size: 3¼" wide by 6½" tall

Yarn: Alpaca with a Twist Highlander (45 % Merino, 45% Alpaca, 10% Microfiber; 145 yds [133 m]/100 g), #2010, wild pansy, 1 skein.

Needles: Size 7 (4.5 mm) and 8 (5 mm) straight or circular needles. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Tapestry needle

Gauge: 16 sts and 24 rows = 4 inches

Skill Level: Beginner

TYPE OF KNITTING

Worked back and forth in rows

TECHNIQUES USED

Cast on

Stockinette stitch (knit on right side; purl on wrong side)

Simple ribbing

Bind off

Weave in loose ends

Mattress stitch (see page 15)

Steam block or wet block



Mitt (Make 2)

Using smaller needles, cast on 32 sts.

Knit in k1/p1 rib for 2".

Change to larger needles and knit in stockinette for 4 to 5 inches, depending on length of your hand.

Switch to smaller needles and knit 4 rows in k1/p1 rib.

Bind off in pattern.

Finishing

Starting from the bottom, use the mattress stitch to seam the sides together for 3 inches. Leave 1½ inches open for a thumb hole, and seam to top.

Weave in ends and block.

Bar Increase (K1f&b)

Knit into a stitch and leave it on the needle (Figure 1). Knit through the back loop of the same stitch (Figure 2). Slip both stitches off the needle (Figure 3).

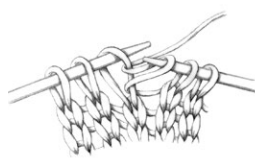


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Pick Up Stitches Purlwise

With WS facing and working from right to left, insert right needle under selvedge stitch from farside to nearside, wrap yarn as to purl (Figure 1), and pull loop through (Figure 2).

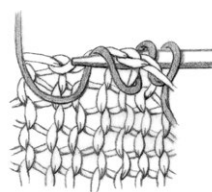


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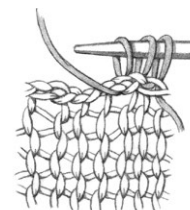
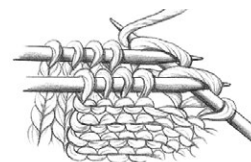


Figure 2

Three-Needle Bind-Off

Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.



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K2tog Decrease

Knit 2 stitches together as if they are a single stitch—2 stitches reduced to 1.