

how to knit

Easy peasy (well, it is if you take a look at the champion 'how to knit' guide at www.learn2knit.co.uk which will give you everything you need.) But if you've done a bit in the past, here's a reminder of the main stitch.

You'll need this stuff:



wool



small knitting needles
(3¼ mm - 4mm)



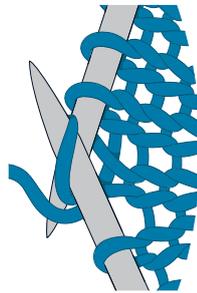
a sewing needle



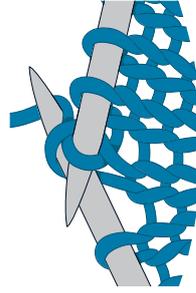
a pair of scissors



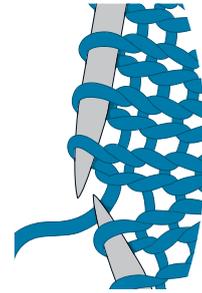
perhaps some bobbles



1. Insert the tip of the right needle through the first loop on the left needle, from front to back. Then wrap the working yarn around the tip of the right needle.



2. Pull the tip of the right needle and the yarn through the loop on the left needle.



3. Slip the old loop off the left needle to complete the stitch. Continue knitting stitches in this way until all the stitches on the left needle have been knitted onto the right needle. You have now completed one row of the knit stitch. Now pat yourself on the back.

intermediate pattern



1. Relax in your favourite armchair.
2. This time you need two colours. Using your main colour double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.
3. Knit 2 rows. Then, starting with a knit row and working in stocking stitch throughout (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) do 2 rows of your second colour followed by 2 rows of your main colour. These 4 rows set your stripe pattern. Do 8 more rows in the same stripey fashion.
4. For the next row, knit 2 together to the end (14 stitches). And for the row after that, purl 2 together to the end (7 stitches).
5. Follow points 5 - 8 as per the beginners' hat to finish off.
6. Reward yourself with a snooze.

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