

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)



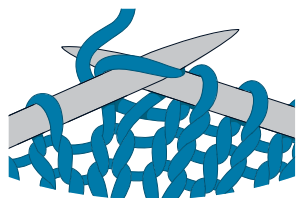
a sewing needle



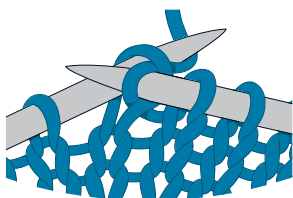
a pair of scissors



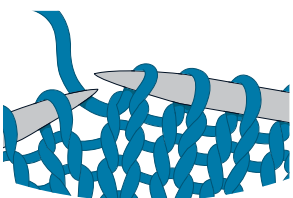
perhaps some bobbles



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.

beginner pattern

1. Pop your feet up with a cup of tea.
2. Using double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.
3. Knit 2 rows. Then, starting with a knit row, work in stocking stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) for 12 more rows.
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. When you've finished, cut the yarn leaving about 25 cm. Thread the cut end of the yarn through a sewing needle, then run it through the loops and remove the knitting needle (fig. A).
6. Tighten the yarn (fig. B) and sew the little hat together at the side (fig. C). Once finished, turn it right-side out so that the seam you've just sewn runs up the inside.
7. Just to check you're on the right track we reckon when laid out flat, the hat dimensions should be about 5-7cm along the bottom and at least 3cm high.
8. Sew a little bobble onto the top of the hat. If you didn't learn how to make bobbles at school like us, ask at your local wool shop or department store – they'll be able to help you.

