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Letter from the Editors

Happy 4th of July, Fellow Knitters!

Do you know how you're celebrating the 4th of July this year? Whether your celebration includes explosive fireworks, or even if it's slightly more subdued, you'll love the great patterns we've collected in this free eBook.

If you're planning a large cookout or barbecue, you can't miss the 4th of July BBQ Dishcloths, p. 9. These handy and festive cloths not only sport the colors of the American flag – red, white and blue – but they're useful in both the kitchen and as part of your holiday décor.

If you're a searching for a more subtle way to show off your love for your country, the *11 Free Knitting Patterns for the 4th of July* eBook also has many simple, yet patriotic, patterns to enjoy. The 4th of July Party Purse, p. 15, is one of my favorites. Create a festive bag in just hours, and before you know it, you're ready to head outside to celebrate!

No matter how you choose to commemorate this holiday, I hope you enjoy the variety of patterns included in the *11 Free Knitting Patterns for the 4th of July* eBook. Happy 4th of July!

For more free knitting patterns, videos and tips, visit <u>www.AllFreeKnitting.com</u>.

Sincerely,

The Editors of AllFreeKnitting

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4th of July Placemat

By: Colleen Barth from Designs by Colleen

This 4th of July Placemat is a must-have for your next celebration. Not only is this pattern incredibly simple to knit, but it's also extremely absorbent. Place this handy placemat underneath a chilled bowl of punch on a picnic table so you won't have to worry about the condensation ruining your table. This simple pattern is thick enough to also be used as a potholder.



Materials:

- U.S. size 13 needle
- Lily' Sugar and Cream 100% cotton yarn (1 ball each of color white, hot blue and red)

Instructions:

CO 16 sts with 3 strands of yarn. Knit the 3 strands together throughout the entire pattern.

Row 1-2: Knit Row 3: Purl

Row 4: Knit

Continue in stockinette stitch until piece measures 6 to 7 inches, then: Purl one row and Knit 2 more rows

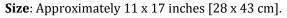
BO (bind off) and weave in ends.

Knit or Crochet Striped Place Mat

By: Lily Sugar'n Cream

Crochet or knit a set of striped place mats for the breakfast table. This easy knitting or crochet pattern creates a lovely accent for any table.





Gauge:

Crochet Version: 12 sc and 13 rows = 4 ins [10 cm].

Knit Version: 18 sts and 24 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] in stocking st.

Materials:

- Yarn: Lily Sugar'n Cream Stripes (56.7 g / 2 oz)
- Crochet Version #21317 (Violet Stripes) 2 balls
- Knit Version #21732 (Pinky Stripes) 2 balls

OR

- Lily Sugar'n Cream Stripes Super Size (70.9 g / 2.5 oz)
- Crochet Version #23317 (Violet Stripes) 2 balls
- Knit Version #23732 (Pinky Stripes) 2 balls
- Crochet Hook/Knitting Needles: Size 5 mm (U.S. H/8) crochet hook OR Size 5 mm (U.S. 8) knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge.

Instructions:

CROCHET VERSION

Ch 34. 1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch to end of ch. Turn. 33 sc. Work in sc for 17 ins [43

KNIT VERSION

cm]. Fasten off.

Cast on 47 sts. 1st row: (WS). K1. *P1. K1. Rep from * to end of row. Rep last row for 17 ins [43 cm], ending with a RS row. Cast off in pat.

Teacup Pot Holder

By: Lily Sugar'n Cream

Knit a pot holder with a colorful tea cup for a kitchen accent. This easy pot holder knitting pattern is a fun introduction to knitting with a color chart.



Gauge: 10 sts and 15 rows = 4 inches [10 cm] in stocking st with 3 strands of yarn.

Materials:

- Yarn: Lily Sugar'n Cream (2.5 oz/70.9 g)
 Main Color (MC): (White) 2 balls Contrast A: (Blue) 1 ball
 - Contrast B: (Green) 1 ball (Note: Use 3 strands of yarn)
- Knitting Needles: Size 8 mm (U.S. 11) or size needed to obtain gauge

Instructions:

Note: When working from chart, wind small balls of the colors to be used, one for each separate area of color in the design. Start new colors at appropriate points. To change colors, twist the two colors around each other where they meet, on WS, to avoid a hole. With 3 strands of MC, cast on 19 sts. **1st row**: (RS). K1. *P1. K1. Rep from * to end of row. This row forms seed st pat. Work a further 3 rows in seed st pat.

Next row: (RS). Seed st pat across 3 sts. K6. Inc 1 st in next st. K6. Seed st pat to end of row. 20 sts. **Next row**: Pat 3 sts. P14. Pat to end of row.

Proceed as follows:

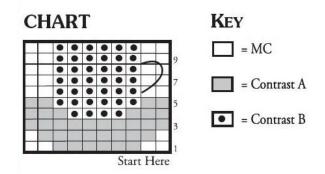
1st row: With MC, work 3 sts in seed st pat. K2. Work 1st row of Chart across next 10 sts in stocking st reading row from right to left. With MC, K2. Work 3 sts in seed st pat.
2nd row: With MC, work 3 sts in seed st pat. P2. Work 2nd row of Chart across next 10 sts in stocking st reading row from left to right. With MC, P2. Work 3 sts in seed st pat. Chart is now in position. Work Chart to end of chart.

Next row: (RS). Pat 3 sts. K14. Pat to end of row. **Next row**: (WS). Pat 3 sts. P6. Work 2tog. P6. Pat 3 sts. 19 sts.

Work 4 rows in seed st pat. Cast off in pat.

Loop: Cut 2 strands of MC 12 ins [30.5 cm] long. Hold one end and with someone holding other end, twist strand to the right until it begins to curl. Fold the 2 ends tog and tie in a knot so they will not unravel.

The strands will now twist themselves tog. Adjust length if desired. Sew loop to corner of Pot Holder.



4th of July BBQ Dishcloths

By Jimmy Beans Wool

Let's get ready to barbecue with this handy 4th of July knitting pattern. Use all the colors of the flag – red, white and blue – to make these charming cloths perfect for use in the kitchen or by the grill.



Materials

- US 7 Straight Needles in 10" or 12"
- 2 hanks each of Blue Sky Alpacas Dyed Organic Cotton: colors 615 Tulip, 619 Tomato, and 624 Indigo
- Crochet Hook, Size i

Gauge: 4 sts / inch in stockinette stitch

Finished Size: pproximate Finished Size - 8" by 8"

Abbreviations

K – Knit P – Purl sts – Stitches st. st. - stockinette stitch

Instructions:

- 1. Cast on 31 sts
- 2. Row 1-4: *K1, P1*
- Row 5 (and every other right side row): K1, P1, K1, P1, *K to last 4 stitches*, P1, K1, P1, K1
- 4. Row 6 (and every other wrong side row): K1, P1, K1, P1, *P to last 4 stitches*, P1, K1, P1, K1
- 5. Repeat rows 5 and 6 until you have 38 rows completed (about 6" of st. st.)
- 6. Repeat Rows 1-4.
- 7. Bind Off

Finishing

- 1. Using the 1st Contrasting Color and your crochet hook, single crochet around the entire square, creating 2 single crochets in each of the 4 corners.
- 2. Using the 2nd Contrasting Color and your crochet hook, single crochet around the entire square, creating 2 single crochets in each of the 4 corners.
- 3. Using the 1st Contrasting Color and your darning needle, use the chain stitch embroidery method to embroider each of the stars. Repeat with the 2nd Contrasting Color (if desired).

Americana Pot Holder

By: Editors of Publications International, Ltd. from TLC

Do you "heart" America? Show your love for the good ol' USA with this knitted pattern. The red, white, and blue colors pick up the spirit of Americana.



Knitting Needle Size: 5 or 3.75 mm

Yarn Weight: (3) Light/DK (21-24 stitches to 4 inches)



Click Here for Knitting Pattern

Patriotic Bags and Purses

Little Loomed Tote

By: Authentic Knitting Board

This cute, knit tote bag, made on a knitting board, is a great project for beginners. Complete a festive bag that's perfect for celebrating the 4th using the basic stockinette stitch.



Finished Size: 10" X 8" X 4"

Stitch Stockinette throughout Gauge 3sts=1" 4 rows=1"

Materials:

- 10 inch Knitting Board
- 100% Wool Brown Sheep Bulky

Instructions:

Front and Back of the Bag

1. Make (2) pieces for front and back of bag. Front and Back of bag are the same.

- Cast On (30) sts. Do (1) circular (wrap down board and return) in stockinette, then place anchor yarn across sts. (This is done by laying contrasting color yarn between boards with ends dangling at each end.) Do 2nd circular. Now you have (2) wraps on each needle. Hook bottom wrap over top. Your stitches are now cast on.
- 3. Continue in stockinette st for (24) rows.
- Bind off with crochet hook. (Start at end of board without yarn. Slip crochet hook through 1st st, front and back, and 2nd st front. There will be 3 loops on crochet hook. Drag (1) closest to hook thru (2). Pick up next (2) loops.
- 5. Drag (1) thru (2). Continue to end of sts, and your knitted piece is off the board. Pull tail end of yarn thru last loop for a knot.

Sides of Bag

- 1. Make (2) Cast On (12) sts. Don't forget the anchor yarn.
- 2. Continue stockinette for (24) rows
- 3. Bind off with crochet hook.

Bottom of Bag

- 1. Make (1) Cast On (12) sts. Don't forget the anchor yarn.
- 2. Continue knitting (30) rows.
- 3. Crochet off.

(Hint) If you like a very heavy bottom, You can make this with a double strand of yarn. This will result in very dense, tight knitting)

Straps

- 1. Make (2) CO (10) sts. Don't forget the anchor yarn.
- 2. Knit (32) rows in stockinette stitch.
- 3. Bind off with crochet hook.

Sewing it All Together

- 1. Finish off all pieces by crocheting the sts at the anchor yarn. Do this same as the top crochet edge. Once the edge is complete, you can pull out the anchor yarns.
- 2. Sew the pieces of bag together in top stitch. Use the matching yarn for sewing. Top stitch is done by laying the (2) pieces together with matching edges. Sew in and out from one side of knitted pieces, as you would do in basting a seam. Take little bites for a nice tight edge. This creates a ridge at the seams, and makes the little bag stand up. Start by sewing the edges of the front and back to the bottom piece, long sides.
- 3. Then, you can sew the 'short edge of side of bag' to bag bottom (short side). Then continue up the sides, front and back to sides. This will give you the basic bag.
- 4. Pull all the sewing tails into the bag with crochet hook. By tucking them in between the double knit, they will never be seen.

Adding the Straps

- 1. Fold each strap lengthwise. Sew long edges together in whip st. (Let your yarn wrap around the top of the edges) This will make an invisible seam.
- 2. Sew one strap to bag front aprox 2" from side seam on each end. Sew the other strap to bag back at same location. This can be sewn with a whip st to top of bag. Tuck all ends into double knit.
- 3. Be sure your top edge of bag is a smooth finish.
- 4. Your little tote bag is ready for service.

Optional: You may also line the bag with colorful jersey knit, and hand whip the edge of lining to top of bag. This will make it ready for heavier goods without pulling on the knit.

Red Riding Hood Bag

By: Becca Smith for The BagSmith

Like the perfect little black dress, this purse is so versatile. You can dress this red knit bag up for an evening on the town or add interesting adornments that you will enjoy using every day.



Materials:

- 175 yards of nylon cord
- 2 handles
- Drawstring liner
- Beaded button
- Base board bottom
- Knitting Needle: 7 or 4.5mm

Gauge: Seed stitch: 4 sts per 1 in. Garter stitch: 5 sts per 1 in. (k all rows)

Abbreviations:

k = knit p = purl sl = slip garter stitch = knit every row seed stitch = knit 1, purl 1

Instructions:

Body:

Cast on 77 stitches using US #7 (4.5mm) 16" or 20" circular needle

Round 1 k 1, p 1. Using the seed stitch (k 1, p 1), begin with the 1st cast-on stitch. At the end of the first row, join stitches. Make sure circular needle is straight and that stitches are not twisted. You will be forming a complete circle by attaching the ends together with the first stitch.

Round 2: p 1, k 1

Continue using the seed stitch until the <u>body</u> measures 6 in. high. You will have made a tube shape.

Bind off using the seed stitch pattern until there are 11 stitches left. These stitches become the base of the closure flap of the bag.

Closure:

Continue with the seed stitch pattern for 7 additional rows. Decrease 1 stitch at the beginning and end of each of the remaining rows until there are 3 stitches left.

Cut the cord leaving 24 in. Draw the cord through the remaining 3 stitches.

Using the remaining cord and the Size 1 crochet hook make a 4 in. chain and attach it to the bottom part of the flap creating a loop.

The Button:

Lay bag flat on a table. Attach the button to the middle front of the bag so that it will coordinate with the loop on the flap.

Weave in all loose ends with the crochet hook.

Handles:

Make two patches as follows: Cast on 18 stitches. Using the garter stitch (knit every row) continue for 12 rows. Each patch will measure approximately 1 in x 3 in.

Whip stitch the top edge of one patch near the top inside center of the bag. Place one of the handles between the patch and the inside body of the bag and whip stitch the bottom of the patch in place. Repeat on opposite side.

The Bottom:

Cast on 25 stitches. Using the garter stitch (knit every row) continue for 30 rows or until piece measures 4 in. Bind off. Whip stitch the knitted bottom to the baseboard.

Pin bottom in place, then whip stitch the bottom to the round end of the body tube.

Place drawstring liner inside and enjoy!

Shoulder Strap (Optional):

Knit: Cast on 5 stitches and use seed stitch to create strap about 40 in. long. Secure strap to inside of the baseboard and to top edge of bag.

4th of July Party Purse

By: Colleen Barth from Designs by Colleen

As you get ready to celebrate the 4th of July, you're going to need something to carry important belongings. This 4th of July Party Purse is just what you need! Not only is it incredibly festive (red, white and blue), but it's easy to knit, requires minimal seaming, and is perfect for carrying around smaller valuables. Enjoy!



Materials:

- Lilly's sugar and cream 100% cotton yarn:
 1 ball of each color: red, hot blue and white
- U.S. size 15 needles

Instructions:

CO 26 stitches with 3 strands held together

Knit 1 row then:

R1: K2, * sl1 purl wise, K1, YO, PSSO both the knit stitch and the YO, K2 repeat from * to end of row

R2: Knit

Repeat these two rows until piece is 20" long or your desired length. Knit 1 more row. BO

Straps:

(Make 2) 2 strands of yarn held together

CO 42 sts

Knit 1 row

BO

With W/S together, sew up the sides, attach the handles to the inside of the purse, be sure to center them, turn purse right side out and you are ready to party!

4th of July Fashion

Easy Triangle Poncho

By Bernat

This easy knit poncho pattern is a great project for beginners. The triangular shape is stylish and the finish is soft and comfortable.



Materials:

- Bernat Soft Bouclé (140 g/5 oz)
 - Sizes XS/M (L/2XL-3XL/5XL)
 - o 2 (2-3) balls
- Knitting Needles: size 6 mm (U.S. 10) or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Optional: 50 ins [127 cm] length of ½ inch [1.5 cm] wide ribbon for Drawstring.

Sizes: To fit bust measurement

- Extra-Small/Medium
- 28 38 ins [71 96.5 cm]
- Large/2X-Large
- 40 50" [101.5 127"]
- 3X-Large/5X-Large
- 52 62" [132 158"]

Gauge: 15 sts and 22 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] in stocking st.

Finished length between neck edge and point

- XS/M 17 ins [43 cm]
- L/2-XL 19³/₄" [50 "]
- 3-XL/5-XL 22½" [57 "]

Abbreviations

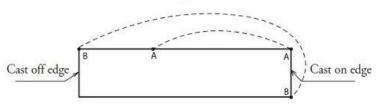
beg = Beginning. K = Knit. rep = Repeat. RS = Right Side. st(s) = Stitch(es). WS = Wrong Side.

Instructions:

Cast on 46 (54-60) sts. **1st row:** (RS). Knit. **2nd row:** K3. Purl to last 3 sts. K3. Rep last 2 rows until work from beg measures 51 (53-55) ins [129.5 (135.5-139.5) cm], ending a WS row.

Work 3 rows in garter st. Cast off knitwise (WS).

Diagram



Finishing:

Sew cast on edge to side of Poncho (see Diagram). Ribbon Drawstring: Starting at center front, thread ribbon along neck edge. Tie into a bow at center as shown in picture.

Optional: Yarn Drawstring: Cut 3 strands of yarn 60 ins [152 cm] long.

Knot one end and braid strands together. Knot other end. Starting at center front, thread Drawstring along neck edge.

American Flag Loom Knit Hat

By: Michael Sellick

Make a patriotic American flag hat with this loom knitting from Michael Sellick. Now even little ones can celebrate in style!



Materials:

- Standard Round Loom 31 Peg Loom Most Good Crafting Stores and Huge Retailers will have these looms. They are usually provided in a standard package of 4 Size Looms.
- 3 colors of yarn: Red, White & Blue. Ensure each colour is in the same family of brightness and color tones. Yarn used was Bernat 4 Ply Worsted.

TIP: Due to the gauge (space between pegs). You need to wrap each row twice. You can either wrap two same color yarns together at one time, or simple double wrap (going around the loom twice for each row). 1 Wrap or 1 String will produce poor results and a very loose.

We are going to use the Twisted Knit Stitch during this entire project. Numbers in front of each description represents rows. I divide the project into two. You are creating the brim in part 1, then body in part 2

Starting With the Brim Creation

1. Cast On Using Eyelash yarn BLUE Yarn. E-WRAP every peg and circle the loom twice to complete 1 row of work, the KNIT. This doubles up the yarn producing store quality looks and texture.

- 2. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 3. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 4. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 5. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 6. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 7. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 8. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit.
- 9. E-Wrap Again twice, and then knit. Then tie off BLUE yarn by tying a knot firmly but loose enough to knit with on the last peg used. You are using Frosty throughout project, do not tie that off.
- 10. Tie on RED & WHITE YARN on the starting peg of the rotation. E-Wrap entire loom ONLY ONCE Frosty and Red Together. Then look at project, follow knitting line down from the peg, fold up and place the very bottom of the corresponding section onto the peg. At this time you will have 2 strings from the original BLUE on the peg, 2 strings from RED & WHITE, and then 2 strings (BLUE) from the bottom of the work due to the folding up. KNIT over the peg sending the RED & WHITE OVER FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE BOTTOM 2 BLUES SECOND. This will leave on the legs the bottom sections that were placed onto the peg. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GO IN THE ORDER AS MENTIONED... if you change up the order, the brim seam will look different for each knitted peg.

The Body of the Hat

1. Using WHITE ONLY, E-WRAP Loom Twice, Then Knit. Do not cut string or cast off Red. Be sure to check when wrapping that the string you are not using is sitting in a part of the pegs.

- 2. Repeat above and then set the white off off the loom.
- 3. Pick up RED, WRAP twice, then KNIT
- 4. WRAP TWICE, THEN KNIT, set the red off to the side as you did with the white.
- 5. Pick up WHITE, WRAP TWICE, THEN KNIT
- 6. WRAP TWICE, then knit, and let white off to the side.
- 7. Pick up RED, WRAP TWICE, then knit.
- 8. WRAP TWICE, then knit... and let red off to the side.
- 9. Pick up WHITE THEN WRAP TWICE, then knit.

- 10. WRAP TWICE, then knit, and let white off to the side. TIE off WHITE onto the last peg. you are done with white.
- 11. Pick Up Red, Wrap Twice Then Knit
- 12. Repeat
- 13. Repeat
- 14. Cast Off Using Sewing Needle picking up each loop sliding the needle from the bottom of the peg up under the loop and sliding loop onto the string. Picking up all the loops as you go. Once all loops are picked up, loom will come free of project. pull string tight which causes the top of the hat to form. Sew shut with 3 really tight loops over the top of the hat. Then slide needle through the top of the project. Turn hat inside out and tie string off.

American Flag Loom Knit Hat: Version 2

By: Michael Sellick

Make a patriotic American flag hat with this loom knitting from Michael Sellick. Version 2 is done in vertical stripes, rather than horizontal stripes.



Materials:

- Standard Round Loom 31 Peg Loom Most Good Crafting Stores and Huge Retailers will have these looms. They are usually provided in a standard package of 4 Size Looms.
- 3 colors of yarn: Red, White, and Blue. Ensure each color is in the same family of brightness and color tones. Yarn used was Bernat 4 Ply Worsted.

Tip: Due to the gauge (space between pegs). You need to wrap each row twice. You can either wrap two same colour yarns together at one time, or simple double wrap (going around the loom twice for each row). 1 Wrap or 1 String will produce poor results and a very loose look that is sloppy looking.

We are going to use the TWISTED KNIT STITCH during this entire project. Numbers in front of each description represents rows. I divide the project into two. You are creating the brim in part 1, then <u>body</u> in part 2

Starting With The Brim Creation

- 1. Cast On Using BLUE Yarn Only. E-WRAP every peg and circle the loom twice to complete 1 row of work, the KNIT. This doubles up the yarn producing store quality looks and texture.
- 2. BLUE ONLY, WRAP TWICE, then Knit.
- 3. Repeat
- 4. Repeat
- 5. Repeat
- 6. Repeat
- 7. Repeat
- 8. Repeat
- 9. Repeat TIE OFF BLUE on the last peg.
- 10. Tie on RED & White to the starting peg of the round. E-Wrap entire loom ONLY ONCE. Then look at project, follow knitting line down from the peg, fold up and place the very bottom of the corresponding section onto the peg. At this time you will have 2 strings from the BLUE on the peg, 2 Strings of Red & White, and then 2 Blue strings from the bottom of the work due to the folding up. KNIT over the peg sending the RED & WHITE YARN OVER FIRST, FOLLOWED BY the two bottom BLUE YARN SECOND. This will leave on the pegs the bottom sections that were placed onto the peg. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GO IN THE ORDER AS MENTIONED... if you change up the order, the brim seam will look different for each knitted peg.

The Body of The Hat

1. Using WHITE, E-WRAP TWICE starting at the first peg. JUMPING OVER OTHER PEG! SECURE THE LAST PEG by knitting it...but don't knit anything else yet. E-WRAP TWICE using RED, FILLING IN ALL THE PEGS YOU left blank. This will cause two white stripes to be in a row at the back of the hat. Due to the odd number of pegs on the loom, you have no choice but do this this. Secure the final peg of the Maroon. NOW KNIT ENTIRE LOOM.

- 2. repeat (just a note, the stripes are vertical to each other... so where there's a peg with white on it, the next time you circle over the loom, the colours of what you are wrapping should be the same as the new line. So if you wrapped a maroon string around a peg with white string, you know you have done it wrong.
- 3. repeat
- 4. repeat
- 5. repeat
- 6. repeat
- 7. repeat
- 8. repeat

- 9. repeat
- 10. repeat
- 11. repeat
- 12. repeat
- 13. Cast Off Using Sewing Needle picking up each loop sliding the needle from the bottom of the peg up under the loop and sliding loop onto the string. Picking up all the loops as you go. Once all loops are picked up, loom will come free of project. pull string tight which causes the top of the hat to form. Sew shut with 3 really tight loops over the top of the hat... then slide needle through the top of the project. Turn hat inside out and tie string off.



Included in this eBook:

- Quick and Easy Knit Potholders
- 4th of July Totes and Purses
- Patriotic Fashions

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